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Lamont pressed to cut rates to 6%

By NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP BASSETT

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, is considering a bold two-point cut in interest rates to soften the blow of a virtual pay freeze for five million public sector workers and savage reductions in planned state spending.

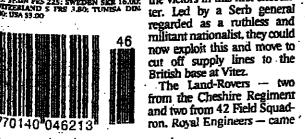
A cut in loan rates to 6 per cent, which is being canvassed some senior Treasury officials, is aimed at reinvigorating the housing market and restoring business and consumer confidence, which have hit rock bottom after the pound's forced exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism nearly two months ago.

A two-point reduction in bank base rates would probably lead to a 12-point cut in mortgage rates. This would reduce the cost of a £50,000 mortgage by £750 annually or E62,50 a month. The case for a big reduction was boosted esterday when the CBI called for an immediate two-point

Mr Lamont's Treasury and Bank of England advisers have been locked in an intense lebate for several weeks about the relative merits of a deep cut in interest rates to accompany the Autumn Statement on Thursday and a more cautious policy of trimming rates by one point at a time. Many

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NG THE TIMES OVERSEAS



Cheaper loans and mortgages could be the sweetener to a bitter pill of spending ents and a public sector pay freeze expected on Taursday from the chancellor's Antonan Statement which he sees as a springboard for economic recovery.

senior officials and government ministers now privately accept that British interest rates will fall to 6 per cent or lower by the spring of next year. However, there are still lower rates should be reached. Reflecting cabinet tensions

over how quickly the Chancellor should cut lending rates, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday repeated his warnings of the dangers of a lower pound feeding through into higher inflation and undermining the competitive gains of the **ERM** withdrawal

Politically, a bold reduction in base rates is seen as central to the Chancellor's hopes of using the Autumn Statement as a springboard for economic recovery and not another cause for deep gloom about the prospects for the economy.

Ministers pressing Mr Lamont to abandon his previous cautious approach to cutting interest rates in half-point slices said that a big cut would make a lot of sense. They pointed out that long-term interest rates, reflecting mar-ket perceptions of trends, were aiready down to 6 per cent. One senior Tory said yesterday that the only way to restore confidence to the housing market was to get mortgage

BRITISH commanders in

Bosnia are urgently re-think-

ing their strategy after an:

exchange of fire between Brit-

ish forces ambushed by Serbi-

an irregulars on the road to

Tuzla. The British troops fired

30 rounds from their SA80

rifles at unseen assailants us-

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The Bosnian Serbs are thus

The Land-Rovers - two

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rates down to a low level and to keep them there for a long time. Cheaper loans and mortgages are likely to be one of the w rays of light when Mr Lamont unveils his package of ceeded in persuading his cabinet colleagues to stick to the £244.5 billion ceiling set in the summer in spite of the costs in higher benefits generated by the length and depth of the

> Tory MPs. bruised and battered by the calamities of the last few weeks, are also looking forward to the recovery package that Mr Lamont will unveil alongside his autumn statement.

> This will be designed to give a boost to the construction industry by allowing joint ventures in big capital projects with the private sector and by temporarily enabling local authorities to spend more of their receipts from council houses sales on renovating run-down proerty. He will also give industry a temporary boost by allowing them to offset more of their capital invesment against tax. Business leaders believe that the government will introduce measures to improve the economy based largely on what companies

have been seeking. Business leaders have had

British review strategy after

exchange of fire with Serbs

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN VITEZ, BOSNIA

under fire 20 miles south of

Tuzia, between the villages of

Ribnica and Predrazici. Cap-

tain Mark Cooper, 24, of the

9th-12th Lancers, said: "The

lads fired back, but you can't

hit a target 200 yards away

from a moving vehicle". Al-

though the identity of the men

behind the ambush, who fired

up to 200 rounds from a

12.7mm heavy machine gun,

small arms and light mortars,

have not been confirmed, the

Serbs are being blamed. The

ambush was in a namow

valley controlled by the Serbs.

mings, commander of British

forces, praised the soldiers

who returned fire. The group

had left the Land-Rovers and

gave covering fire as the

vehicles were turned round.

None of the soldiers was hurt.

but shrapnel damaged one

Brigadier Andrew Cum-

weeks with John Major, the prime minister, and his most senior cabinet colleagues, and they are broadly satisfied with the content of the economic package to be introduced by Mr Lamont in his economic statement. But they are concerned that the government will be too restrictive over spending on training in the face of still-rapidly rising

The key elements of the autumn statement are likely to

☐ A pay ceiling of 0-1.5 per cent for groups such as council workers, teachers, nurses, social workers and doctors. Cuts in planned expenditure on defence, health and

education programmes. ☐ Increases in social security benefits broadly in line with September's 3.6 per cent infla-

□ A 3 per cent increase in the £40 billion local authority spending programme.

The £4.5 billion-a-year road building programme will be

cut back, but not as sharply as John MacGregor, the transport secretary, had feared. 🗖 Gillian Shephard, employment secretary, has won a slight increase in her £2.7 billion job training budget. Mr Lamont will not take the final decision until Thursday morning, after consulting the

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Land-Rover and a bullet

pierced the aluminium roof of

The brigadier said he would

wait for the arrival of the

Warrior, Scimitar and Scorpi-

on armoured vehicles before

launching further reconnais-

sance trips down that particu-

lar road to Tuzla. He said it

would be pointless putting

soldiers in Land-Rovers at

risk. "We can do a better job

Further trips towards Tuzla.

a key Muslim town, desperate-

ly needing humanitarian aid.

will depend on negotiations

with the local warloards to

find a safer route. General

Philippe Morillon, the French

commander in charge of the

UN forces in Bosnia, has

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when the armour arrives."

Carey: battle to maintain unity

Six votes hold key to women priests

Ву Китн Сцерниц. RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE fate of the 1,300 women queuing to be priests in the Church of England depends on up to six undecided members of the general synod, it emerged last night. The vote is so finely balanced that the result will depend on the oratorical skills of the speakers on the day.

Leading church members believe a vote against would go against the mood of the country and the wishes of the church grass roots. In a letter to The Times today, 11 baronesses call for the synod to admit women. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, has pledged her support. Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is in favour although

he sees his primary task as maintaining unity. The synod's waverers inchide some of the country's top legal and academic fig ures, who have been trawling the New Testament like a legal document. More than 1,000 priests, includ-ing three bishops, are threatening to resign if the church ordains women.

The last few months have seen a small swing in favour but the vote is so close that several synod members who are unwell or elderly will make a special effort to turn up. Officials are providing a bed for one member who will need to lie down during the debate, and first-aid officials will stand by.

More than 200 people have asked to speak on Wednesday, and the vote could be delayed until Thursday.

If the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure is to succeed, all three synodal houses of bishops, clergy and laity must be at least two-thirds in favour.

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Defiant French praise Delors for Gatt stance

By Charles Bremner and George Brock done. What we have to do is to

tarmers.

WITH farmers on the warpath and its national pride inflamed, France will today defy the objections of its European Community partners and ask the European Commission to draw up a "hit list" of American products to be penalised if Washington goes ahead with trade sanctions against the EC next month. Douglas Hurd, the loreign

secretary, will today chair a meeting of his EC counterparts in Brussels to try to bring about a return to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade bargaining table. Frans Andriessen, the EC's external relations commissioner, who has taken over as the Community's Gatt negotiator after the resignation from that position of Ray MacSharry, the agriculture commissioner, said he remained optimistic US-EC differences, although not insusbtantial, could be bridged, he said. The Community would have to "give up a little more", provided the US was "somewhat more accom-

modating". But Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French industry and foreign trade minister, set out the defiant French position as anger across the French political spectrum against the Americans and the British blended with praise for the performance of Jacques Delors, the European Commission president_"If nothing has happened by December 5 France, followed by other European states, will demand sanctions against the US. against soya crops, for exam-

In London, Michael Heseltine gave a warning that "the clock is ticking and it is a very dangerous situation". Emphasising that any trade war would be a disaster, the President of the Board of Trade said the temperature must be cooled in the search for a solution in the wake of the breakdown of the Gatt trade talks last week.

He said the two sides were now very close, adding: There is a deal that can be



Amid new conflicts, **Britain** mourns the fallen

By JOHN YOUNG

NINETY-TWO years on into this battered and bloody century, thousands of people gathered at the Cenotaph in London yesterday to salute comrades, friends and family fallen in the cause of a promised better world.

For all the solemn rituals of remembrance and the pealing of the bells of Westminster Abbey, it was impossible to forget that much of the world is today torn by new conflicts.

While former warriors marched proudly past the memorial badges and medals glinting under the grey November skies, guns were rumbling once again across the Balkans. Seventy-five years after Passchendaele, 50 years after El Alamein, ten years after the Falklands, newspapers were carrying reports of British troops under fire.

There was a poignancy too in the sight of the three royal ladies on the Foreign Office balcony: the long-widowed Queen Mother, the divorced Princess Royal and the Princess of Wales, whose husband is in Hong Kong and whose marriage is the subject of endless speculation. Detachments from the Roy-

al Marines, the Royal Navy. the Royal Air Force, the Grenadier Guards and the Royal Horse Artillery flanked the Cenotaph as massed bands launched into Rule Britannia and Men of Harlech. As the veterans assembled, John Major, John Smith, Paddy Ashdown. Douglas Hurd and three former prime ministers. Sir Edward Heath, Lord Callaghan and Baroness Thatcher, took their positions.

Jim Allan, an El Alamein veteran, summed up the mood of the day: "The first world war was meant to be the war to end all wars, but we just don't seem to learn."

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do it." He said John Major

was "doubling every effort to

get these talks back on the

road . . . I cannot think of any

other world leader so much

Mr Heseltine refused to

repeat his view that M Delors

had "divided lovalties" be-

tween Europe and France's

want," he said, "is to cool the

temperature, to get the dia-

logue going. There is nothing

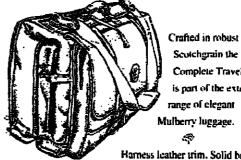
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Major caught in crossfire of Tory civil war

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major was trapped between the Tory party's war-ring factions last night as he appeared to be backtracking key Commons vote on the Maastricht treaty bill until after Denmark's second referendum.

Leading rightwingers made clear that they would press this week for an early cabinet reshuffle aimed at stilling some of the pro-European voices and promoting freemarketeers.

Leaders of the 92 group. 110 Tory MPs. said they wanted Tony Newton and William Waldegrave to be dropped, Kenneth Clarke to be given a lower profile. Michael Howard to be made Chancellor and Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister responsible for Europe, to be given a sideways move. The group will press their claims at a private dinner with the prime minister on Thursday.

Leading Euro-sceptic MPs and ministers insisted that Mr Major should stick to the deal that narrowly saved him from deteat last week and postpone the third reading of the bill to the autumn if necessary to accommodate the Danes. If the government was worried about running out of time, it

could extend the session. One senior MP who backed the government in the vote warned Mr Major that he would again "tear the party apart if he tried to bring the bill back before the Danes had given their verdict. Eurosceptics said it was "foolish" of the government to be dragged into a public debate about parliamentary tactics and to start issuing ultimatums to the opponents of the treaty.

One senior Tory said: "We must get out of the habit of digging elephant traps for the

prime minister to fall into. However, the pro-Europeans made clear that they would wait for the Danes for no longer than until the early summer. Peter Temple-Morris. Tory MP for Leominster and leader of the left-wing Lollard grouping at Westmin-ster, said that ministers could not delay until September or

"If we are indefinitely lurk ing behind the skirts of the Danes, if that is the extent of made, it really is too much for the victory that we had last

The Euro-sceptic backlash was fuelled by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary. who confirmed late last week that the government was not making the timing of the third reading vote conditional on the second Danish referendum. "The two are not interdependent," he said on BBC Radio 4's The World this Weekend.

He added: "The prime minister indicated to the House of Commons last Thursday that the timetable for taking the bill through inevitably was a slow one. It's a complicated bill. It is important that there is proper debate.

He indicated, which I think we already knew, that the Danish referendum is expected in May and therefore the third reading of our legislation will be thereafter."

The clear message from Mr Rifkind, later backed up by vernment officials, was that if the Danes do not hold their referendum until September or October, Britain will go ahead without them.

MPs in the 92 group are mentioning John Redwood, the local government minister. and Archie Hamilton, a defence minister, as possible



In the front line: Michael Heseltine appearing on yesterday's BBC TV programme On the Record, in which he said time was running out for Gatt. Report page 1

strongly pro-European ministers. They say they want the cabinet to be more representative of backbench opinion on other matters as well as Europe. Mr Garel-Jones is under fire for giving Mr Major the "dangerous advice" of staking his premiership on the outcome of last week's vote.
As The Times disclosed on

Saturday, the pro-European wing of the party was dismayed by the concession to the rebels as it was first presented - apparently a clear promise to wait for the Danes - and planned a meeting next week to consider its response. But

the signs yesterday were that it is prepared to accept a limited wait. Mr Temple-Morris said that a delay to May or June was all right. "We don't miss out in Euro-terms and Europe will swallow that and we will keep up with the action. But to go indefinitely behind the Danes reduces the pressures on the Danes. It makes them much more significant than

they are."
Mr Major's problem is that
by his latest moves to appease the pro-Europeans he he has fanned the flames of rebellion in the anti-Maastricht camp.

leaders yesterday, would be a more prolonged and bitterly fought committee stage through the winter with a greater risk of turmoil from backbenchers angry about other matters, such as pit closures and the council tax.

It was confirmed yesterday that two Euro-sceptic minis-ters were the architects of the concession that saved Mr Ma-jor from defeat. Edward Leigh and Neil Hamilton in the trade department told Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, that the way to buy off the rebels was to promise to delay the third

reading until after the second Danish referendum. They and other junior ministers are expected to see Mr Major. shortly to discuss ways of calming the party after the turmoil of the past few weeks.

The group of ministers is understood to believe that the prime minister must abandon confrontational tactics if he wants to restore party unity and ride out the inevitable storms of the winter.

One MP close to the group said: "Things will happen of their own accord. Over the winter there will be many

ety of issues. The prime minister should be in the business of fence-mending and making friends and influencing people. You don't do that by going back on agreements.
"It's foolish for the govern-

ment to make commitments at this stage for seven months hence. They should keep quiet and allow these matters to be discussed behind closed doors to see if an understanding can be reached.

"It would be a great help if the likes of Malcolm Rifkind and Kenneth Clarke were to button their lips and let us sort

Partners dismayed by British vote delay

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL BINYON

BRITISH ministers face fierce pressure from their EC partners today over the messages to them about when the Maastricht trea-ty is due to be ratified by

the Commons.
John Major's abrupt ment that the third reading of the Maastricht Bill would not take place until at least May created confusion and consternation in the EC's 11 other

capitals. Mr Major is assumed by other governments to have tied British ratification to a second referendum in Denmark and, by doing so. to have created fresh delays and uncertainties for the treaty. An EC diplomat quoted yesterday by Le Monde described the delay as "a new act of perfidy by the British government

at a difficult moment". The Danish government said that no date had been set for a new referendum. May is the earliest date likely and Denmark's prime minister, Poul Schluter, has not ruled out

waiting until the autumn. French officials exressed irritation with Britain's delay, seen as further evidence of British trouble-making in the Community. France's European affairs minister. Elisabeth Guigou, said at the weekend: "We plan to ask the British where they stand at the foreign ministers' meeting. If they con-firm they will delay long into 1993, we'll find that

very worrying."
Other EC governments fret that Britain's shift will encourage the Danes to take a harder line in their attempts to rewrite the text. Spain's junior foreign minister, Carlos Westendorp, said: "Before there was one problem la reference to Denmark! Now there are two."

UK troops fire back on Serbs

Continued from page 1 called for talks with local commanders to ensure that other UN vehicles are not fired on in the Tuzla area.

The shooting was one of a number of setbacks for the UN humanitarian effort in Bosnia. Fierce fighting yesterday between Croats and Serbs at Buna in southern Bosnia prevented ten UN trucks from using the main Mostar road to Sarajevo. Two convoys of UN lorries on either side of the Bosnian-Croatian border in the southwest were also blocked on Saturday night after a dispute between Croatian HVO soldiers and the

Officials working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said about ten trucks heading for the besieged Bosnian capital were forced to turn back by heavy fighting at Buna, near Mostar, about 50 miles southeast of Sarajevo. It was the third setback to the UN aid effort in 24 hours.

In a further blow to the British, the arrival of the Warrior fighting vehicles has been delayed for 48 hours because the vessel bringing them from Germany, the Rosa Dan, has been hit by bad

weather. The shooting on the road to Tuzia has focused minds on the possibility of British injuries or deaths at the hands of local gunmen more familiar with the terrain. In the event of British casualties, a field surgical hospital is fully operational at the British camp at Vitez, which is located in the town's primary school.

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Council tax to leave payers no more than £2 a week worse off

By Our Political Correspondent

MOST losers from the switch from the poll tax to the council tax in April will be no more than £2 a week worse off under a deal to be unveiled by the government Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is under-

stood to have persuaded Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to make available several hundred million pounds to cushion the impact of the change in the financing of local government.

relief scheme, central to the government's hopes of avoiding a public and political outcry over the new system. will be given on Thursday, when Mr Lamont makes his Autumn Statement to the Commons on the outcome of the public spending round. Under the council tax, bills

will be levied on the value of allocated to eight bands ranging from houses worth less than £40,000 (band A) to those worth over £320,000 (band H). The transitional relief scheme will also be tied to the bands so that the maximum increase a householder faces is linked to the

property value. It is understood that the government has decided to limit the size of any increases to £2 a week for most payers of households in small to modest properties will either gain or not lose from the abolition of the poll tax, but those who face higher bills will have some protection. People living in band C houses (£52,000 and £68,000) will not have to pay more than £2 a week extra if they are losers; people in hand B (£40,000 to £52,000) will be given even more protection and people in band A will face the smallest increases if they suffer from the scrapping of

the poll tax. Sources said yesterday that two thirds of households lived in properties rated in bands A to C. The terms of the deal meant that the maximum extra would be £2 a week.



People living in more expensive properties, bands D to H. covering the range from £68,000 to more than £320,000, would also be entitled to transitional relief. However, depending on their band, the size of any increase would be proportionately greater than the £2 a week ceiling for the majority.

Most high-value homes are in London and the South East, the traditional Tory heartlands, and Conservative MPs have been alarmed by reports that about 70 per cent of householders in those areas will suffer from the abolition of the poll tax. They will be anxiously studying the terms of the transitional relief scheme for the better-off. No figures were available

yesterday. If a council fails to collect outstanding poll tax bills or defies Whitehall capping limits, the £2-a-week ceiling will

no longer apply. It is understood that Mr Howard has won a 3 per cent increase in overall council spending of about £40 billion a year. With the virtual freeze on pay for council workers and teachers, he believes that local authorities will have enough leeway to avoid dismissing staff and to maintain services. Many Labour authorities and some Tory ones are likely to challenge that view.

Delors is praised for Gatt stance

Continued from page I to be gained by anybody trying to exacerbate the situation". President Mitterrand of

France would prefer to avoid a Community battle, especially since his close ally, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, is losing patience. But his room for manoeuvre is small. France's farmers made clear vesterday that there would be a violent reaction to any whiff of concession over agriculture in the Gatt talks. "If the Americans want war, they had better know we are better armed than they are. If they don't want our white wine, then we'll give them back their Coca-Cola," said Philippe Arnaud, the leader of Rural Co-ordination, the organisation which caused so much disruption around the country in protests against reforms to the common agricultural poli-

cy earlier this year. The farmers' action against Euro Disneyland last July would be a picnic in comparison with the next offensive, an official of the organisation

Luc Guyau, president of the FNSEA, the traditional farmers' union, said: "If the politicians fail, we will simply take their place and fight instead of

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Patten acts to end opt-out harassment

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, is to step up his campaign to stop local educa-tion authorities (LEAs) intimidating schools that want to opt out of council control.

Mr Patten, whose education bill reaches its second reading in the Commons today, wrote to 108 local education officers last week warning that he would take strong action against local authorities that "intimidated or harassed" schools seeking grant-maintained status. Ministers are expected to issue more detailed guidelines this week, after allegations that Merton council used underhand tactics to stop John Major's old school, Rutlish High in Wimbledon, opting out.

More than 60 per cent of the school's parents voted on Friday against an application for grant-maintained status. Bob Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, alleged yesterday the council had put pressure on parents, saying the school would lose £80,000 if it opted

"In fact it would have gained several hundred pounds," said Mr Balchin. Both Conservative and Labour authorities were thwarting free choice by inundating parents with misleading booklets

and letters, he said. Martin Rogers, co-ordina-

tor of Local Schools Information (LSI), the local authorityfunded advisory group, said such allegations caricatured efforts by councils to explain the financial consequences of

opting out. "Menton simply told parents that the school would lose £80,000 under a common funding formula using the standard spending assessment. They might gain money if they were grantmaintained now, but it's quite clear there will be less money next year." Measures to limit local au-

thority spending on campaigns against opting out are included in the education bill, the longest in parliamentary history, which is intended to coax most secondary schools into the grant-maintained sector by 1996. However, a local authority analysis published today says the government's target is over-optimistic.

Eighty-five per cent of the 380 English secondary schools that have voted to opt out are concentrated in 36 council areas, with 62 per cent clustered in a mere 17 local authorities, according to the study. There have been no parental ballots in 26 LEAs. The study concludes that "there is no realistic prospect of even half of all secondary schools opting out by 1996".

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Car sales map out impact of recession By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

AN ANALYSIS of new car registration figures shows how the recession is biting deeply into the Home Counties and South East, with sales plummeting in the traditionally prosperous heartlands of the Conservative party while they remain

buoyant in the North.

The figures, to be published later today. show that sales in Cambridgeshire — the county of John Major's Huntingdon constituency — fell by 10.9 per cent between January and September. Only East Sussex, where sales dropped 15.4 per cent and the Isle of Wight, down 14.8

per cent, fared worse. Car sales are regarded as one of the most important barometers of economic health, showing the pattern of consumer

spending around the country.

The figures will make depressing reading for ministers, while motor manufacturers and dealers are now faced with the reality of a clear North-South split in the economy, which will determine longterm investment decisions. Neil Marshall, chief economist at the

Retail Motor Industry Federation, said last night: "People making decisions on where to take their retail business will see that past policies of concentrating every-thing in the South Eastern basket will have to change and that the North is surviving much better."
Sales in the North were up, although by the 0.3 are north with the Santa Sales.

just 0.3 per cent, while the South East showed the biggest regional fall of 5.3 per cent next to East Anglia, which was down 8.4 per cent. Within those regional tallies to be issued by the federation, which represents 12,000 garages, are county-by-county totals that show where the suffering is

Sales fell in Kent by 10.2 per cent, Devonshire 10.1 per cent, West Sussex 9.4 per cent, Gloucestershire 9.3 per cent, Dorset 9.2 per cent, Suffolk 9 per cent, Greater London 8.3 per cent, Hampshire 7.5 per cent, Surrey 5.7 per cent and Buckinghamshire 7.2 per cent.

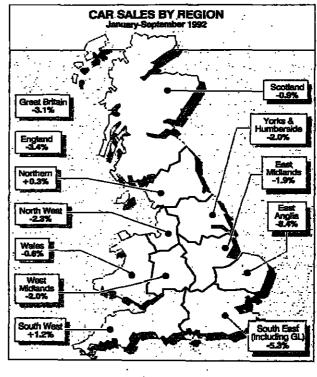
By contrast, sales in Northumberland were up by 4.0 per cent and in Tyne &

Wear by 4.3 per cent. The biggest increases were in Wiltshire, with 18.6 per cent, Berkshire (12.7 per cent) and Hertfordshire (6.8 per cent), although the federation warns that these figures may have been distorted by large companies placing big fleet orders.

Even though there was an upturn in sales during October, motor manufacturers still do not expect to see an end to the recession until well into next year. Sales this year are expected to total 1.55 million - fewer than 1991's 1.59 million and the lowest total for ten years.

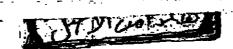
☐ Ford is ready to order hundreds of compulsory redundancies among its 10,000 production workers. The company also wants to cut lay-off pay by 40 per cent.

The company is expected to meet unions today to offer to drop job cuts in exchange for a pay freeze for hourly-paid workers until May. But unions are likely to press for the 5 per cent increase due this month, forcing the company to go ahead with its redundancy programme.



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IAN Spiro, the British businessman who was involved with Western intelligence agencies and with Terry Waite's mission to secure the release of hostages in the Lebanon, was yesterday named as the prime suspect in the murder of his wife and

three children in California. Detectives investigating the shootings said that after a thorough examination of the house they were anxious to talk to Mr Spiro. However. they said it was too early to rule out the possibility that the crime was linked to his activi-ties in the past, with the family failing victim to an Arab hit-

His family in Britain is convinced the killings are linked to publicly surrounding his activities in the Middle East. A friend of the family said some relatives were worried about their own safety and did not believe he could have been responsible

for the murders. A spokesman for the San Diego county sheriff's depart-ment said: "He is wanted for murder. He is armed and dangerous." An alert was placed on all airports. His passport was missing from the rented £650.000 house in Rancho Santa Fe, as was his zar, details of which have been circulated throughout

the country. The police said it was too early to dismiss the theory that he has been kidnapped by the killers, although there was no sign of a forced entry

at the house. The bodies of his second wife Gail. 40, and children Sara, 16, Adam, 14, and Deana, 11, were discovered in different rooms, each in night clothes with a single snot in the back of the head. after a neighbour went to the house believing something to

be wrong.

The family dog had not been fed and had barked endlessly from beside the pool, and one of the girls had

By Lin Jenkins and William Cash in San Diego failed to turn up for a riding lesson. The children had not been to school for a week and the maid had been told to take time off. The neighbour alened the police after seeing the body of one of the children through a window of the

Waite 'agent' named

as prime suspect in

single-storey home. Terry Waite vesterday declined to confirm or deny that he had met Mr Spiro and said that speculation about the events put other people at

Mr Waite, in a statement to the Associated Press prompted by press enquiries following the death of the Spiro family and disapearance of Mr Spiro, expressed sympa-thy to the family for their

He said he had contact with hundreds of people prior to his first face-to-face meeting with the kidnappers in Beirut before he was captured in January 1987. "Many con-tacts preferred to remain anonymous. Most adopted a false identity. Some were helpful. The vast majority



were not Even if I could identify these contacts I would not because of the obvious danger. The only contacts which proved valuable were my direct contacts with the kidnappers themselves and these eventually collapsed because of the political com-plexities within the situation. I should add that the identities of the kidnappers of the hostages in Lebanon remain

hardly suprising that neregarding individuals who were alleged to be connected with the hostages. The situafrom was and continues to be highly dangerous: half-informed speculation can only the danger for

Mr Spiro's first wife Jenny, and daughters Samantha. 22, and Gina, 20, who live in north London, said in a statement that since the separation in 1974 and divorce four years later, contact had "limited brief and recent". They went on the say: "The family have no idea as to Mr Spiro's activities or what

he has been doing."
The Spiro family moved to California 18 months ago after a brief spell in Europe and following years in the Middle East Friends believed Mr Spiro. 46, was an international commodities dealer working from home. The house was the scene of several flamboyant parties. and he was regarded by locals as a shadowy playboy figure whose business activities were

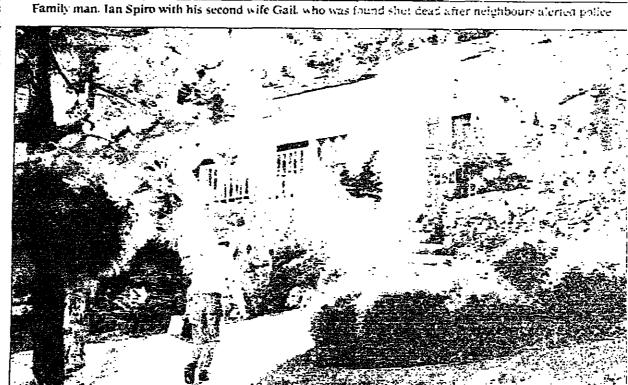
unclear. A British-born Jew, he made and lost a fortune in property during the early seventies before leaving the country, his debts, his first wife and their two daughters. By 1978 he had made a new life for himself in Beirut and married his second wife, who worked as a nurse at the American University Hospi-

The family left for Europe in 1988 and spent a few months living in England in Rake Manor, a 16th-century home of his cousin in Milford, near Godalming. Surrey, where neighbours believed he was a sucessful international businessman.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said the consulate in Los Angeles was liaising with local police to keep Because of the volatile abreast of developments in complexity of the situation it is



US police are hunting the shadowy British businessman, but some fear Arab hitmen are to blame



Murder house: the Spiros moved to their luxury rented home in Rancho Santa Fe 18 months ago

Surviving daughter queries role of book

SAMANIHA Ian Spiritdaughter from his first marriage Believes the stronging of her fathers second family might be linked to allegation of the coulines in the shad-uards of Middle Fast middle gence din Jeckins vidies, In the past few weeks no hud asked her sereral times. on the telephone to her London la moto sechold of a copy of his stage in book inthe journalist Con Coughlin. to see what It said about Mr. Spiro's role in Tem (Valte): riterant to free histages in Tehanon. On Inday, after she barnt of the traged is he telephoned the surbor and asked from it the 600% bud made any chim that coole Spire's Involvement with ine intelligence community had already been made publie with the release of Coloner Oliver North's diaries, inmidh marked secret which had here disclosed in the United

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Spire, who used the alias John Smith in his deatings with Waite, introduced him to Dr Adnan Mroue, a consultant avnaecologist at the American University Hospital in Beirut, who knew

Spiro's wife, a nurse, It was from the waiting room of Dr Mroue's surgery that the special envoy was himself kidnapped in January 1987. By then Western intelligence agencies had al-ready severed their links with Spire following the disclosure of North's arms-forhostages deals in 1986.

Change of Heritage focus urged

By JOHN YOUNG English Heritage should be stripped of its regulatory and advisory functions and given the sole task of looking after the historic buildings and ancient monuments in its care, the conservation group Save Britain's Heritage said

ye terday. it wants responsibility for advising the government on heritage matters, protecting and listing historic buildings and making grants to private samers to be transferred to the new national heritage

department. Since English Heritage was established in 1984, a steadily increasing proportion of its hadget has been taken up by the cost of looking after its own monuments, it says. At the some time grants to other corners of historic buildings have been reduced from more than E3 million in 1988-9 to ibigur £1.5 million in 1991-2.

Responding to English

and should have freedom to allocate funds as it sees fit.

Palace expected to reduce royal couple's forays abroad

unknown to me.

FIRST there will be the postmortem examination, then the calculation of future risk. Staff at St James's Palace who meet later this month to plan the Prince and Princess of Wales's engagements for next year will be obliged to ponder whether any future joint forays might bring a public relations fiasco similar to the one which blighted last week's visit to

Korea What should have been an important promotional exercise for British exports and investment became, in the British press at least, merely an exposure of the myth that the prince and princess remain married in anything but

British tabloid reporters went in search of what they had been led to believe was a reconciliation: instead, for the first time, palace officials dropped hints to journalists covering the tour that all was not well with the couple's

Heritage's new strategy, which envisages giving up control of up to 200 properplainly unhappy pair pub-lished in British tabloids were taken during a visit to a war des, the group says the organisation should not be inhibited memorial when smiling would have been inapproprifrom taking on new properties are, reporters who covered the visit said the prince and princess were obviously ill at ease Letters, page 19 with each other for every

private life.

Amid increasing speculation about the state of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the likelihood is

moment they were together and shone only when they were on separate engage-

On her return to London on Friday the princess, in a highly unusual move, felt obliged to issue a statement denying reports that she had gone to Korea against her will and on the express orders of the Queen, and that she had had an acrimonious correspondence with the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen's own hand may be detected behind the statement; impugning the monarch in any way, even by members of her own family, is regarded as entirely unacceptable.

Next Friday the princess will travel alone for a short visit to France, missing her husband's forty-fourth birthday Although some pictures of a the next day. Since the heady early days of their marriage. when one of her first official visits involved 17 days' leisurely coasting through Italy, their foreign tours have become shorter and sharper and have increasingly involved the

couple in separate pro-

that they will spend more time apart

grammes. More recently the princess has undertaken several successful tours on her own, including visits to Paki-

stan and Egypt.
Palace officials still decline to discuss the couple's future plans, either public or domestic but it is likely that the number of their joint appearances abroad will be reduced. The Korean experience

serves only to underline a state of affairs that has existed for some time. The prince and princess lead virtually separate lives, he at Higherove and she at Kensington Palace. Rumours that they might decide on a more formal

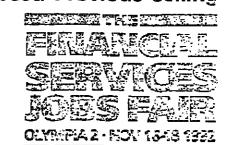
separation remain unsubstantiated. At the moment they and their staff are considering one, or at most two, joint overseas visits next year, with a tour of New Zealand considered a priority. But there will be nail-biting among the staff. concerned that a repeat of the disaffection the couple clearly displayed towards each other in Seoul will become an embarrassment to the extent that foreign hosts will no longer

invite them as a pair.

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Toddlers build new world of learning

By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR PSYCHOLOGISTS have used a computer to teach three-year-old children to build pyramids out of bricks. The results, say the researchers at Nottingham University, prove the value of computers in education and training. and disprove the belief that toddlers are too young to learn this type of

construction skill. The children were given 21 square wooden blocks of different sizes and asked to build a pyramid. Left to their own devices, the three-year-olds never succeeded, but when taught either by a researcher using the right teaching

method, or by the computer simulating that style, they were successful. The key, said Professor David Wood

of the university's Centre for Research in Development, Instruction and Training, was the teaching method. When a parent or teacher talked to a child about the problem, or did it himself in the hope the child would copy. little progress was made. "The best approach is to teach contingently, which means adjusting the help given to the child's level. If a child gets into trouble, extra help is given: if the child is succeeding.

less help is given." The principles are to be used to create a new generation of computer tutoring systems, able to teach algebra to 12-year-olds and arithmetic to sevenand eight-year-olds. Professor Wood said the pyramid-building problem was chosen partly because the theories of Jean Piaget, the educational psycholo-

gist, had indicated it was beyond the

capacity of three-year-olds. However. children taught contingently "massively" out-performed those taught in other

The computer system linked to a screen, makes suggestions such as "get the four biggest pieces first". When a child makes a mistake, it goes back a stage. While this may sound obvious. Professor Wood said real-life teachers rarely do it right. "Typically they either talk too much, fail to observe or listen carefully to the learner, offer too little assistance, or maintain instruction at the same level when a learner faces

difficulty.

He believes the program illustrates principles that could transform much education and training.

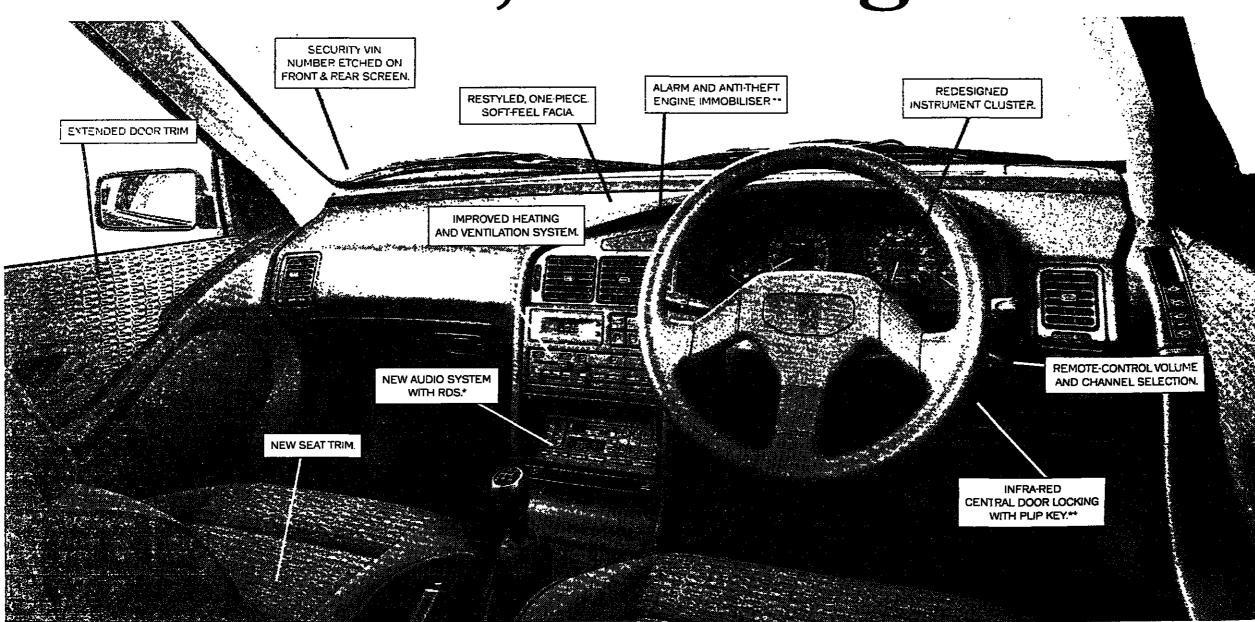
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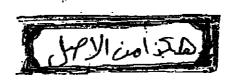
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three young children to death in her Belfast flat, apparently because of noise and disturalternative accommodation by Ulster's housing executive a course of action open to residents threatened by paramilihances that angered neightary groups. The attack may have been The murder was conthe work of a Loyalist paramil-itary punishment squad. Some of the men wielding demned by Nancy Gracey. chairwoman of Families

Against Intimidation and Terpick-axe handles and baseball ror, a pressure group commitbats sat on the victim while ted to ridding the community others beat her repeatedly on of violent paramilitary groups. the head. She is thought to "These people are animals." have died almost immediately. she said. "I would appeal to the people of Annadale to Three men who were in the flar at the time of the murder on Saturday night were also

extensively damaged by the gang. Police said the woman was Donna Elizabeth Wilson, a divorcee who lived in Annadale, south Belfast, A spokesman said the motive was not thought to be

POLICE are hunting a gang of up to ten men who battered

the 30-year-old mother of

bours.

sectarian.

Ms Wilson is believed to have been threatened several times by local vigilantes because of disturbances at her flat, including fights and an incident in which a television was thrown out of a window.

stand together against them." The murder was the second beaten but none was seriously in the area in two days. At hurt. The first-floor flat was lunchtime on Friday Michael Gilbride, a Catholic father of three, was shot dead by the Ulster Freedom Fighters, who claimed he was a Republican activist. This was denied by

> ☐ Two men were recovering hospital in Belfast after being shot in the Loyalist Shankill Road area on Saturday night. Aged 21 and 25, they were each injured in both legs in what appears to have been another Loyalist para-

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA.

Pavement crash kills two girls BY ADAM FRESCO

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT THE sharply critical views of tions could be source by Mr America's president-elect; Bill Clinton's views on Ireland. Clinton, on British rule in Northern Ireland are likely to creasing concern among some be raised by John Major when the two leaders meet for the backbenchers and in the Foreign Office over the implicafirst time since the American tions of a letter sent by Mr election at an EC-US summit Clinton to Bruce Morrison, a

A Downing Street spokeschaired "Irish Americans for man said yesterday the prime Clinton-Gore" during the minister would explain Britain's commitment to establish In the letter, Mr Clinton ing a new provincial government in Ulster through the talks process and his desire says he and Al Gore share the goal of all Irish Americans for peace in Northern Ireland and believe American foreign to see "the terrible situation there sorted out". policy must reflect this more "We will be very happy to explain all our policies on Northern Ireland without fear effectively in future, possibly

next month.

influence

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BILL Clinton's election has

given America's Irish lobby hope that the new administra-

tion will place peace in Northern Ireland high on its foreign

Clinton's victory meant the

end of the long exile of supporters of Irish freedom

from the centre of political

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through the appointment of a "peace envoy". The letter attacks Britain for or favour and in good spirit," the spokesman said. However, not doing enough to end job he thought it was premature todiscrimination against suggest Anglo-American rela-Roman Catholics, and Mr Clinton makes clear his full support for the MacBride **US Irish** principles, which are vigorously opposed by Britain and expect new which force American firms in Northern Ireland to adopt

former congressman who

stringent anti-discrimination The letter goes on: "We also believe that the British govern-ment must establish more effective safeguards against the wanton use of lethal force and against further collusion between the security forces and Protestant para-military

The Northern Ireland Office is playing down the signif-icance of the two week-old letter, believing it to be more to Nosey Flynn, a columnist. for the Irish People, said that do with securing the support of the 43 million-strong frish American electorate than foreshadowing a more aggressive stance on Northern Ireland.

The president-eject has reason to be grateful to Irish-Americans. Exit polls show that he regained most of the It was being pointed out that after the past two years the political temperature of the Irish American lobby has Catholic vote that went Repubcooled considerably, with suslican in the past three presi-dential elections, winning 44 per cent of the Irish American, picious criticism of the British being replaced by a more constructive attitude and con-

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Mr Clinton pledged to appoint a peace environt North fice believes the government is ern Ireland suggesting that slowly winning the battle to Boston's mayor, Raymond convince Washington that the Boston's mayor, Raymond comvince Washington that the Flynn, would be suitable. He anti-discrimination legislation expressed support for the MacBride principles, adopted put in place in 1990 through the fair employment commisin 24 American states, linking trade to freedom from relitive problem than the gious discrimination in Ulster. MacBride approach.

Back Bush Back Back Woman questioned

over family deaths

A woman, 21, was being questioned by police last night after three generations of a family were found stabbed to death in a blazing house. A grandmother, her daughter and grandson had been stabbed a total of 73 times in what detectives described as a "frenzied" attack at the family home in Smethwick, Birmingham, on Saturday night. The bodies of Mrs Gurmej Bahia, 60, Mrs Surinder Dhandwar, 28, and Avtar Dhandwar, four, were discovered by firemen after aeighbours raised the alarm.

Mrs Dhandwar's husband Parminder, 28, a market trader, had been working away and was informed of the deaths yesterday. Police said the woman being questioned was a member of the victims family. They had not yet established a motive, but said it appeared three fires had been set to cover up the murders.

Thousands at pit demo

Thousands of people marched through Nottingham city centre yesterday to hear speakers call for action against pit closures. Among those addressing the crowd in Market Square were Roy Lynk, president of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, Labour MP Paddy Tipping, and the Right Rev Patrick Harris, Bishop of Southwell, Nottinghamshire. Mr Lynk, who will give evidence to a Commons select committee this week, told the crowd: "Together we can win this fight." Mr Harris called on the government to show courage and admit it was wrong.

Marquess in drug talk



The Marquess of Blandford, left, spoke frankly of his slide into heroin addiction in an interview broadcast today on Channel 4's The Big Breakfast. Jamie Blandford, the next Duke of Mariborough. said he could not be distoberited from Blenheim Palace and told the presenter. Paula Yates, how he had used the drug to overcome the "hurt and pain" of his shattered love life.

Crowther conscious

The television presenter Leslie Crowther, who suffered severe head injuries in a motorway crash five weeks ago, has regained full consciousness and can write his name, it was disclosed yesterday. The game show host, famous for his "Come on Down" catchphrase, was said to be "close to death" after the crash five weeks ago. Mr Crowther, 59, has not yet spoken and medical experts fear his distinctive voice may never be the same again following a tracheotomy, one of the operations that saved his life.

A MOTHER saw her young daughter hit by a car at the weekend as she skipped along a pavement. The girl, Deanne Harlow, 7, died later in hospital. A friend with her. Nadine Groom, 8, was killed

Nadine's mother, Geraldine Groom, 28, of Darlast-on, West Midlands, was told of her daughter's death by Deanne's mother Sharon over a motorist's mobile telephone. She said: "Sharon was hysterical and she was screaming down the phone 'Our girls are dead, our girls are dead.' I couldn't believe it. Nadine used to stay overnight at Deanne's house quite often and they were on their way there at the time, skipping and laughing a few yards in front of Sharon and her boy

Police said that a man aged-20 had been charged in connection with the deaths. He will appear before Walsall magistrates today on twocharges of causing death bydangerous driving and other motoring offences.



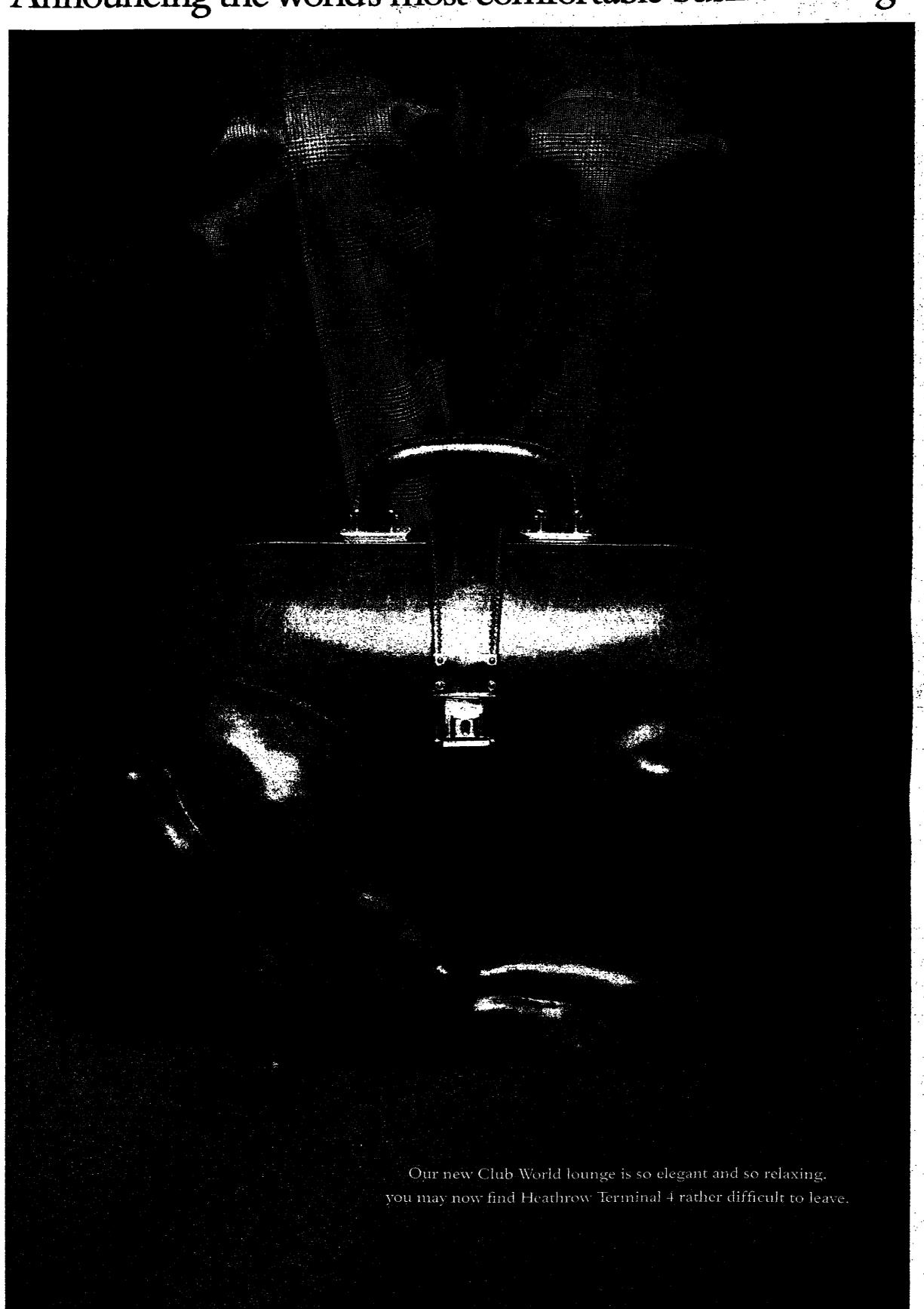
Nadine Groom: knocked down on her way to stay with a friend, who also died

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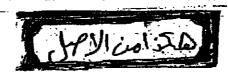
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Britain prepares for free-for-all when customs barriers fall

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called "red pinch points", designed to replace existing checkpoints with a less obtru-

sive and more flexible system

for monitoring the flow of

goods across internal fron-

tiers. Streamlined monitoring

mean an increased reliance on

The distinction between

commercial and personal

acquisition of duty-paid goods will be enforced by a team of

"excise verification person-

nel", whose ranks have just

been increased by 120 officers in anticipation of 1993. Their

main task will be to check

tobacco and alcohol wholesalers and retailers, mostly in

London and the South East, to

ensure that the appropriate excise duties are not being

Cross-Channel passengers

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viding "value for money". Nearly half the executives interviewed complained that

they had experienced mis-

takes and overcharging by the

banks in the past two years, while one in three said that

the person handling the busi-

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out of five of those who had

experienced problems said

they had seriously considered

changing their bank.
Other surveys, released over the weekend, fuelled

criticism of the clearing banks' treatment of firms.

One study of major banks

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although the base rate has

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has come down from 15 to 8

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rate agreed on overdrafts has

dropped by only 2.2 percent-

A spokesman for Barclays

said yesterday that small busi-

ness investors had to be protected as much as the borrowers they outnumbered.

He said the Gallup survey

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MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

UNLIMITED amounts of alcohol, tobacco, and any other goods can be brought to Britain from the European Community from midnight on December 31, so long as the bearer can convince customs officials that they are for personal consumption.

The advent of the single European market will have effectively transformed Kipling's smugglers' "Brandy for the Parson, baccy for the Clerk" into an unrestricted free-for-all where foreign dutypaid goods will become the legitimate booty of international travel.

While Customs and Excise has published tables indicating the quantity of duty-paid goods that can be brought into Britain, these are known as minimum indicative levels and have no legal force. There is nothing to stop someone. hiring a juggernaut, filling it with thousands of cases of Moet & Chandon, and driving it home.

Under the new notional duty-paid limits, travellers will be able to bring into Britain 90 litres of wine (about ten cases), 110 litres of beer, 10 litres of spirits, 800 cigarettes and as much perfume, camera equipment, gifts and souvenirs as they can carry. In contrast to duty-free allowances, next year's duty-paid allowances will be cumulative.

These notional limits have been drawn up simply for the administrative convenience of customs officials and are not legally binding. When pressed, customs officers concede that anyone coming into Britain will be able to bring back even a thousand times the amounts specified so long as there is no reason to suspect

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A Gallup survey of top executives in medium and large companies found that only one in 12 believed the

banks provided the best pro-

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Nearly half complained of mistakes and overcharging in

The findings follow evi-

dence from pressure groups and accountants that further

moves by the Chancellor to

help businesses by cutting

interest rates will be frustrated by the banks' use of fixed

In the survey, conducted in

September for Eversheds, the

national law firm, Gallup

asked the managing director

or finance director of 200

companies how they rated

their banks, accountants and

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believed they provided the best professional help, with

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Big companies give

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■ Visits to the local off-licence and tobacconist could soon be replaced by bulk purchases from the Continent

that the goods will be re-sold. legally binding limit on the amount of alcohol and tobacco Moreover, because of last year's agreement between EC brought into Britain, explanafinance ministers to retain duty-free goods until 1999. tions will be needed for anything over the notional limit. travellers will be able to load "We would be very interested up with duty-paid goods from in prosecuting anyone bringing duty-paid goods into Britain for resale, one customs French or Belgian supermarkets, then buy duty-free allowances as well. At present, dutyfree and duty-paid goods are Britain's tobacco and alcolinked so that more of one

hol industries have put considerable pressure on the government to eliminate the disparity between UK and French excise duties.

Some officials fear that the new regime could result in a significant loss of tax income from duties that earn £5.3 billion a year on alcohol and £6.6 billion a year on tobacco. Ministers insist, however, that the onus is on the French to raise their duties in line with



Scaled-down: Harvey Cammell of Phillips prepares miniature furniture for sale in Bond Street, London, on November 24. Estimates range from £200 to £5.000

EC puts brakes on motor cycle revival

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

BRITAIN'S reviving motor cycle manufacturers are ready to launch machines in the knowledge that their investment plans may be scuppered by laws proposed by the Euro-

Nonton and Triumph are developing high-performance bikes to re-establish Britain's position as a premier manufacturer after years of domination by the Japanese.

But the bikes would fall foul of laws being demanded by the Commission to reduce accidents that would limit motor cycles to 100 brake horsepower. Last night the EC's plans

were described as "unfair" by both companies. They warned that the regulation could be the first step towards Europe seeking further limits that may damage their recovery plans.

Steven Winters, UK sales manager for Triumph, warned: "We are very worried about the ratchet effect with the EC perhaps not stopping at 100bhp.

"Motor cycle manufacturers have been selected unfairly. Nobody has called for the limitation of power on cars, yet sale which is capable of more

than 200mph. Triumph will launch its £8,000 Daytona 1200 with 140bhp at the International Motor Cycle Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, next week. Norton is launching the F2, an £8,500 motor cycle that has 95bhp but is designed to be the forerunner of a more powerful bike.

Both firms almost failed in the 1970s but have mounted vigorous recoveries and their powerful sports and touring motor cycles are attracting sales that would once have gone to Japanese machines. Triumph will make about 5,000 bikes this year and Norton about 500.

The Motor Cycle Association of Great Britain said last night: "Riders of high performance machines are experienced riders who know the risks. Studies show that car drivers are at fault in three out of four accidents involving motor cycles. Limiting power

will not cut accident rates." British MEPs have fiercely opposed the proposals. The regulations have been sent back for further consideration by the European Parliament.

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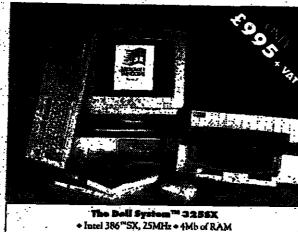
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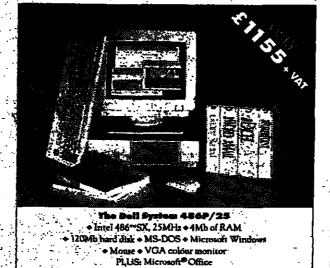


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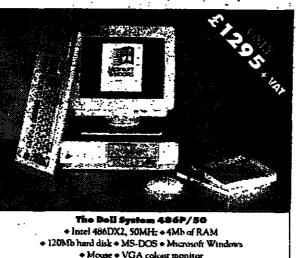
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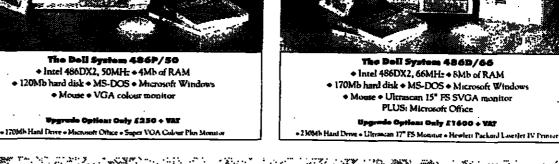


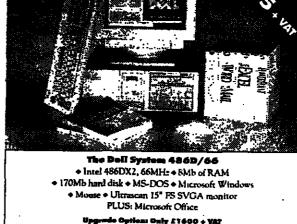


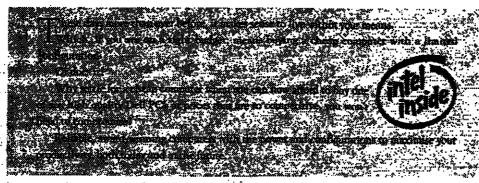


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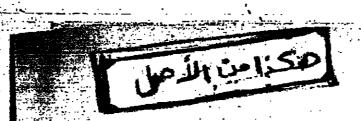






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As both sides in the clerical sex war claim victory on Wednesday, women are changing their dress code

Narrow vote could leave church in chaos

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

OPPONENTS of women priests claimed last night that insufficient General Synod members have changed their minds to guarantee a victory for the pro-women lobby in Wednesday's vote. However, in resisting

women priests, the synod appears increasingly out of touch with the mood of the whole church, according to a survey published yesterday, which found a majority of Anglican churchgoers would vote in favour of ordaining women.

A narrow win or loss by one or two votes appears more likely as the vote approaches. Serious divisions and even schism seem inevitable as the Church of England approaches its most serious decision since the Reformation.

THE 563 bishops, clergy and laity voting on Wednesday will make their way

past pro-women protesters wearing white flowers in their hair, to arrive at

Church House in Westminster by 10am (Ruth Gledhill

writes). The large number

of synod members present

means 90 will sit in the

public gallery above the

circular debating chamber.

Archbishop of York, will

chair the debate on the

Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure Dr

George Carey, the Arch-

bishop of Canterbury, will

take over after lunch. The

debate is scheduled to end

at 5pm, but if all 200

people who have asked to

speak are called, that may

prove impossible. The de-

bate could last until Thurs-

day but could not be held

Dr John Habgood, the

White flowers herald

a day of decisions

the church with large numbers of alienated and disaffected be illegal ordinations to the priesthood, illegal acts of wor-ship and a mass exodus of women and their supporters. Some MPs are considering a bill to force the church to ordain women.

The synod declared in 1975 that there were "no fundamental objections" to women priests. A failure means the issue might not come to another decisive vote until the turn of the century. leaving the church embroiled in internal division. The prospects are almost as bleak if women are successful.

If the legislation survives its subsequent passage through

meets in February. The Right Rev Michael Adie, the Bishop of Guildford, will open the debate for

women priests and will have the last word. The Ven

David Silk, Archdeacon of

If the vote is carried by a

two-thirds majority in all

three houses of bishops,

clergy and laity, the synod

will vote on the financial provisions for clergy who

leave the church.

If the legislation succeeds on Wednesday, it will be debated in both Houses

of Parliament in June next

year and if approved, go forward for Royal Assent. A

petition to "promulgate"

the canon would then be

submitted to the crown in

July or August. It would be July 1994 before the ordi-

nation of women priests

opposition.

Such a result would leave Parliament and the ecclesiastic cal committee, which vets synod legislation and on which traditionalists are strongly represented, as many as 1,000 priests are expected to leave after it receives Royal Assent, probably in 1994. Under the proposed financial provisions, this would cost the church a minimum of £11 million per 100 defectors.

The Rev Peter Geldard chairman of the synod's tradi-tionalist Catholic group, said: "It is so close that speeches on the day could be crucial. But I change since July [when only 61.41 per cent of laity voted in favour]. That result could be repeated almost exactly."

Dr George Carey, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, al-though personally in favour of women priests, is not expected place his authority on the line and sees his task as maintain-ing unity in the face of such divisions. He and Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of Habgood, the Archbishop of York, are praying that Christian values of faith, hope and charity will prevail against anger and schism.

Would-be women priests are taking heart that Mark Birchall, an influential evangelical who has sat on the fence for eight years and voted

fence for eight years and voted against in July, is now in favour. "I am still not 100 per cent convinced it is right, but I have become convinced it is the desire of the church and I think it has got to go ahead. The disruption if it does not go ahead will be greater than the disruption if it does."

In a poll of 1,473 churchgoers by BBC Radio 4's Sunday programme, 67 per cent were in favour of women priests, 22 per cent against and 11 per cent undecided. More than 70 per cent said they would accept a woman as vicar. Another survey, by BBC Radio 4's Today programme, supported the traditionalist view that the vote would be narrowly lost in the house of laity.





Frills and flounces disguise the dog collar

A RANGE of clothes designed for women priests includes a dog collar with frills and shaped shirts and cassocks that can be let out during

pregnancy.
Juliet Hemingway, designer of the innovative robes for the enthronement of the Arch-bishop of Camerbury. Dr George Carey, has teamed up with The Times to design a range of clerical dress especially for women priests.

She says women priests and deacons do not wish to be seen as male clones but most garments now on sale tend to be mere adaptations of men's

cassocks, stoles and scarves. She believes that, regrettably, the familiar dog collar, a tively recent addition to the Anglican cierical outfit and seen as uniformly unflattering to women, is here to stay. But she has introduced it a more feminine feet. She said the present derical dress as too matnarchal. The women need a softer image. differently. The women that I have spoken to have talked of their wish not to be seen as male clones. They are feminine and, without getting on a high horse about it, want to reflect their gentle

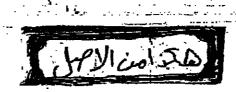
She has made blouses with frills, polka dots and floral prints, which can be ordered to match red. green, purple or white stoles. Her shirts and cassocks are seamed and have darts to fit the womaniy figure. some with room for expansion should the wearer become pregnant. Assuming a vote in favour of women, a female priest would need to spend at least £1,300 on her basic new



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Police complaints chief goes on patrol with the night shift

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A FEW weeks ago police officers on the night shift in Slough had an unusual assistant. The burly figure of Sir Leonard Peach, the new chairman of the Police Complaints Authority, was to be seen in the small hours of the morning unrolling police tape round a corpse outside

the bus station. Rattling round the pubs and clubs of the Berkshire industrial town in a battered van with 15 officers, Sir Leonard was experiencing the difficulties of a modern policeman's lot. One of the country's leading experts on personnel management and an architect of NHS reforms, he came away with a new realisation of how things can go wrong and how much is

left on very young shoulders.
After 20 years with IBM, where he headed public relations strategy, Sir Leonard found himself watching junior officers five of them nior officers, five of them women, making decisions that would have been taken at much higher levels in any

■ Sir Leonard Peach, the new head of the Police Complaints Authority, believes that good management is the key to producing better officers

commercial organisation. "The thing to see was their comparable youth," said Sir Leonard, "and how they handled things with confidence. It was impressive and I could see how things can go wrong because they have to operate quickly."

Three months into his post Sir Leonard, who follows a lawyer and a judge as chairman, already believes that his authority's task must be not only to find the merits of a complaint but to make sure that that police forces learn the lessons of management and training that often lie behind the 16,000 to 18,000 major and minor complaints raised

Under Sir Leonard the authority plans to pass comments on the management background of cases to the Home Office, inspectors of

constabulary and chief constables. Recent cases that have come before it have already raised lessons on the responsibilities of different ranks and specialist units, especially in the firearms field, where it has overseen 12 cases this year.

Sir Leonard said: "There is too much emphasis on discipline and too little on performance." He saw himself as a professional manager and was therefore interested in the management of the service.

He has sympathy with the push by top officers to make changes and the comments of officers such as Sir Peter Imbert, the retiring Metropolitan police commissioner, who recently pointed out that society as well as the police will have to change. The community had responsibilities as well as rights, said Sir

suggested that the level of complaints about police in Britain could be lower than it is with some Commonwealth and American forces. Evidence gathered by the authority shows that 80 per cent of serious complaints refer to assaults and that many of these cases involve alcohol.

The authority will continue to seek greater openness in dealings with complainants and Sir Leonard said some forces had now accepted the principle of telling people who make complaints what penalties have been imposed on officers. Many forces were now settling between 20 and 40 per cent of their complaints informally.

The authority is also to developments, such as a twotier system of dealing with discipline, including a reduced burden of proof for minor matters. It has argued that it should take a more active role in prosecuting charges rather than sitting on discipline tribunals and leaving police forces to do this



Sir Leonard Peach: he has experienced first-hand the challenging lot of modern officers on the beat

Alarm spreads as officers are made to disclose papers

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

MERSEYSIDE detectives in a big fraud trial have been forced to release one million pages of material from their investigation under new guidelines on the disclosure of

police material. The extra pressure on police time and the dangers of releasing confidential material under the DPP guidelines is causing so much anxiety among criminal investigators that a special national conference is being held at the police staff college at Bramshill, Hampshire, at the end of the month. Every force in Eng-land and Wales will be represented by senior commanders

John Hoddinott, chief constable of Hampshire and the secretary of a chief constable's committee on crime matters, yesterday acknowledged there were serious police worries over disclosure. He said the issue would remain openended until disclosure was also

oblied to defence cases. He said a new law might be needed. "Until we know what the defence case is, we can't make disclosure relevant. It would be much easier and much more in the interests of justice if, when a defence was ready to go to trial, they were to make disclosure and the Crown Prosecution Service undertook to disclose every-

thing relevant." A spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service said the issue of disclosed material was constantly developing and had been raised with the Royal Commission on criminal justice. The new guidelines reminded the police of rules on disclosure issued by the attorney-general in 1981. They stated that the prosecution had a duty to disclose all unused material that had a

bearing on the the case.

Material would not be disclosed if it was felt it had no bearing on the case or could be protected by public interest immunity. The CPS would look at all material and decide. what to hand on. Police had to flag any sensitive material and the courts might eventually

decide whether it should be protected. The guidelines require officers to list and itemise all material made during a case which has to be

Mr Hoddinott and his colleagues are worried that precious manpower and funds will have to be diverted to meet the demands of complex cases, such as the Merseyside fraud trial. One senior detective said: "Forces are horrified at the amount of effort."

Defence lawyers are reading all the Merseyside papers and being provided with copies of anything they want. One of-ficer said the guidelines left many grey areas. Nothing could be destroyed or handed back to owners who might not be connected to the case and everything had to be stored.

In another case, officers in a murder investigation are being forced to surrender confidential computer files. This raises the problem of revelations of confidential materia or sensitive police operations. The computer in the murder case is part of the special Home Office enquiry system now used by every force in the

The breadth of the guidance extends to highly detailed briefing books prepared for police operations and details of some telephone conversa-tions. Documents might also reveal the use of police surveillance equipment that might not have yielded any evidence, which investigators want to keep discreet for fresh use. A London officer said: "The disclosure issue is creating

nighmares. The new DPP guidelines, issued in late summer after discussions with police, follow growing concern about unde-clared police material and test cases on the disclosure of the material which has widened police responsibilities. The key case rose during the Guinness investigations and the trial of Ernest Saunders and led to a judgment about the disclosure of unused police material.

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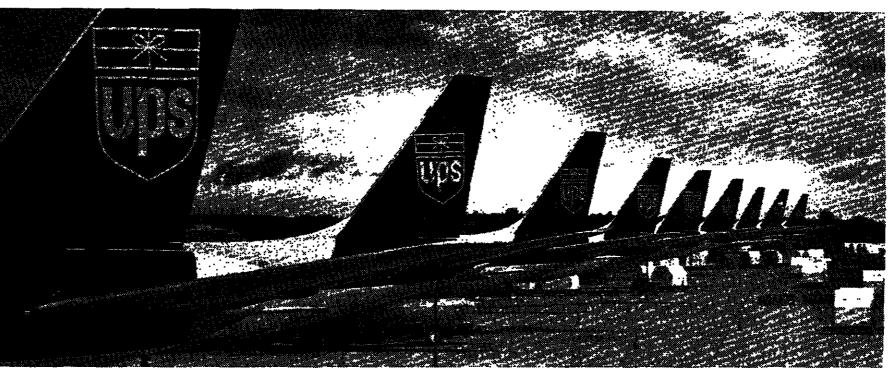
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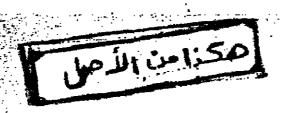
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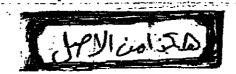
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Bush accused of planting obstacles in Clinton's way

Republicans are talking of an orderly handover between now and inauguration day. But Democrats fear they are planning to sabotage the new administration

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

EVEN as President Bush was urging Americans in a weekend broadcast to rally round the new Clinton administration. White House aides were said to be discussing plans to place obstacles in the path of the incoming Democrats.

According to sources close to Bill Clinton, the presidentelect, the outgoing Republicans are considering placing some of Mr Bush's political appointees in career jobs in uch key departments as the Treasury, so confronting the Democrats with an echelon of policy-makers and administrators antipathetic to the new president's aims. "We are very anxious about some of the moves we think they are planning in the 11 weeks before inauguration day," a senior Clinton adviser said. We are worried that they may try to burrow deep into the administrators' ranks."

Previous outgoing administrations have transferred some political appointees to career posts before leaving. Often the transfers are just a matter of ensuring that people who have served the administration faithfully are rewarded. But the Democrats fear the Republicans this time may be



Falwell: ready to return to the political stage

organising a mass transfer in an attempt to sabotage the new presidency.

The Democrats are also concerned that Bush aides will sweep White House and State Department files clean of sensitive documents detailing meetings on the Iran-Contraaffair and on the Bush administration's pro-Iraq policy before the Gulf war. Last week, David Pryor, a Democrat senator for Arkansas and chairman of a Senate committee on government management wrote to the White House warning Bush aides against taking away papers that are federal property.

In public, the White House and Mr Clinton's transition team are intent on giving the impression that the handover will be orderly. But both sides are manoeuvring behind the scenes to gain maximum advantage for future battles.

White House aides have been urging Mr Bush to hinder any future Democrat moves to continue investiga-tions into the Iran-Contra affair by granting Caspar Weinberger, Ronald Reagan's defence secretary, a pardon for any involvement he might have had in the Iran-Contra affair. Mr Weinberger has already been charged with

perjury by special prosecutors. None of this partisan struggle was in evidence in Mr Bush's short radio address on Saturday. With an eye to future historians, he said he was not angry at being rejected by the voters, and he hoped his presidency would be seen as having served America well.

"Way back in 1945. Winston Churchill was defeated at the polls. He said. I have been given the order of the boot. And that is the exact same position in which I find myself," Mr Bush said. "Having known the sweet taste of popular favour, I can more readily accept the sour taste of

"When you win, your errors are obscured. When you lose, your errors are magnified. I suspect history will take the edge off both interpretations." He blamed himself for the

Democrat victory and asked Republicans to avoid divisiveness and apportioning blame. "No one else is responsible. I am responsible." In spite of his words, Repub-

licans continue to argue about the lessons of defeat. The religious right was preparing to take on the Clinton administration and to capture more positions of authority within the Grand Old Party. The Christian Coalition, the conservative grass-roots organisation founded by Pat Robertson, the tele-evangelist, said it believed that a pro-abortion Democrat presidency would help it double its membership to 700,000.

Jerry Falwell, the founder of the Christian right Moral Majority organisation, which in recent years has been virtually moribund, is also set to make a prominent re-entry on to the political stage. "We've been literally inundated since the election with calls saying 'Please please crank up the Moral Majority again'," he

Social extravaganza will hail new leader

By Jamie Dettmer

welve years ago when the Republicans piled into Washington to celebrate the inauguration of Ronald Reagan as president, the expense and glitter surprised even old political hands. "A bacchanalia of the haves," was how it was described. The Democrats may be the party of the left and the poor but their revels look set to match the ostentatious rejoicing that heralded the

Republican era. If you fancy watching Bill Clinton being inaugurated in January but fail this week to book your hotel room, and hire your limousine and your formal wear to celebrate in Washington. you might as well stay at home and watch it on television. Washington is gripped by a frenzy to reserve rooms, buy and hire ball gowns and book catering firms. Cookbooks on Arkansas cuisine are in great demand.

The excitement has reached a fever pitch because you have so much pent-up energy among the Democrats." said Kathleen Keenan, public relations officer of the Sheraton Carlton, where Democrat donors have already booked half the rooms. The Mayflower Hotel was as busy cancelling bookings as confirming them. It had taken

huge numbers of reservations from Republicans as well as from Democrats in the lead-up to the election. The hotel has somehow to work out who will want the rooms now. "The phones have been ringing crazily. We are trying to figure out which people won't be needing them." said Antho-ny Stewart-Moore, the general manager.

Local catering firms, like Ridgewell's, which has been waiting on the diplo-matic and social set for generations, have been studying books on Arkansas delicacies, including one by Liza Ashley, the cook at the Arkansas governor's offical residence for the past three decades.

N ot only the incoming Democrats are raining pennies from heaven on Washington Republicans eager to brush up their CVs and get their property on the market are also stimulating trade there. Republicans are worried about their job prospects. This is probably the first time we'll be seeing a class of political appointees finding real difficulties matching their salaries in the private sector." said Eric Vautor, a director of a head-hunting firm. One head-hunter remarked: "It's like a rainfall that comes every four years."



Indian chief: Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who will be the first American Indian in the US Senate since 1929 after winning a Colorado seat last week. Mr Campbell, 59, a rancher of Cheyenne descent, is also an interna-

tionally recognised jewellery designer. The redrawing of congressional districts, allowed every ten years, resulted in greater minority representation in the new government. Asian Americans won five of the Senate and House of

House of Representatives.

Representatives seats contested, and 38 blacks and 17 Hispanics were elected, gains of 13 and six respectively. The first Puerto Rican and Koreanborn American were also elected to the

Colombia rebels leave 100 dead FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

GUERRILLAS in Colombia have killed more than 100. people in a new offensive delying efforts by President Gaviria to reinforce the coun-16 Voil installations and main roads limbing rural areas to Bounta, the capital,

At least 25 police officers were killed at the weekend in the most during smack vet by his-same guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia at an oilfield in the Amazon jungle, Bombs were aiso planted in banks in simultaneous attacks by urban o immundos in the capital.

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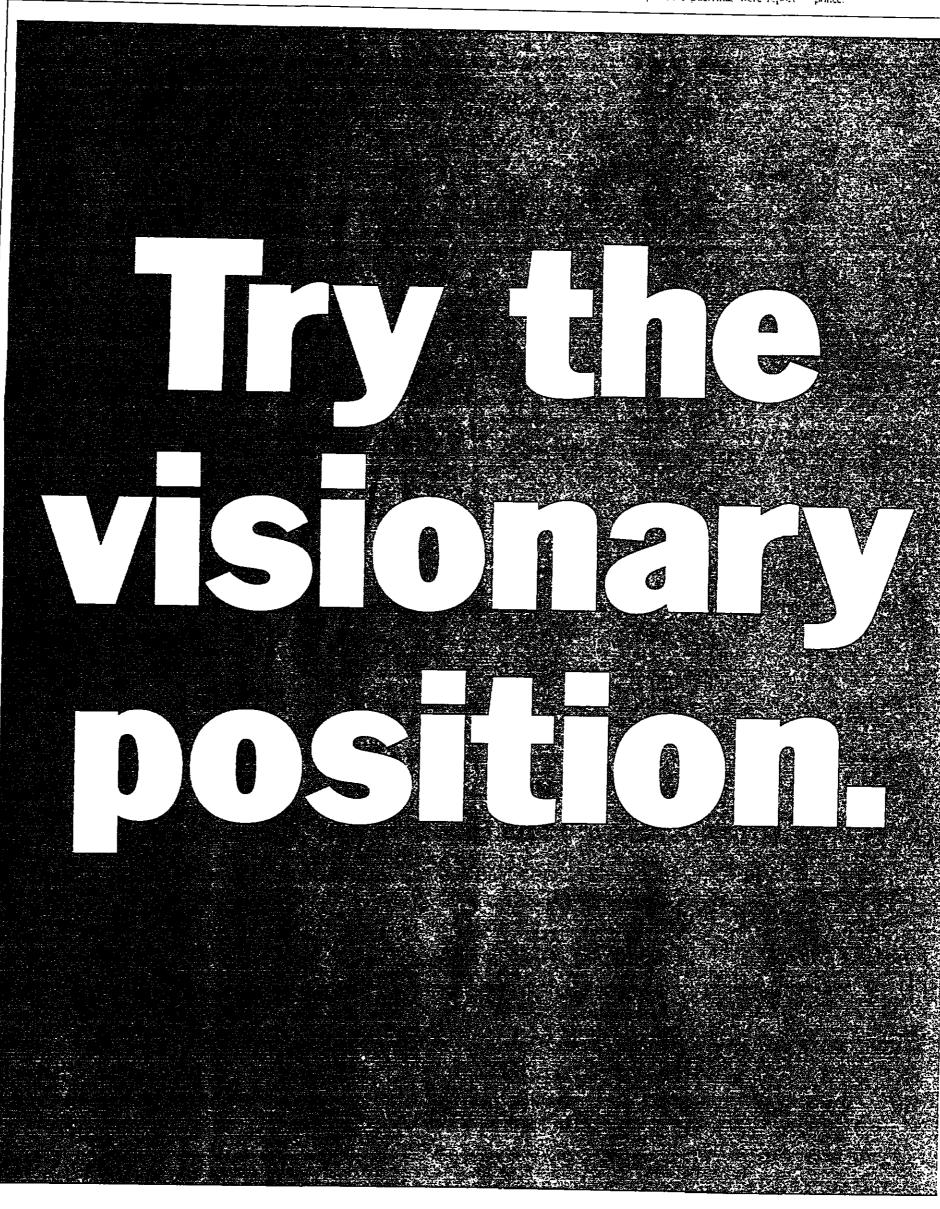
Guerrilla attacks across the country have scuppered hopes for renewed peace talks be-tween an alliance of guerrilla groups and the government. President Gaviria denounced the guerrillas as "rabid does" and said he would not reopen. peace talks, suspended since March, until the attacks stopped.

Five guerrillas were report-

ed tilled when the revolutionare armed forces attacked the Ortio oilfield, 360 miles south of the capital, with rockets mortars and grenudes. In what was the most violent guerrilla raid in more than four years, police reports say a unit of 300 men surrounded police guarding the officeld and captured the guard postwhen the defenders run out of ammunition after a severhour gun hattle. According to official reports the defenceless policemen were executed after guerrillas burst into the barracks.

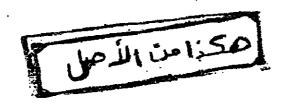
The oilfield was damaged after the guerrillas plex up pipelines and the drilling platform. The previous day guerfillas operating 310 miles to the northeast of Bogota dynamited the largest pipeline in the country which carries 240,000 barrels of crude a day, causing a spill which contaminated local rivers. It was the fourth anach on oil pipelines in a week.

A state of emergency was declared in Medellin last night and cline police unitarmed with machineguns. tockets and grenades were and in to holster the local



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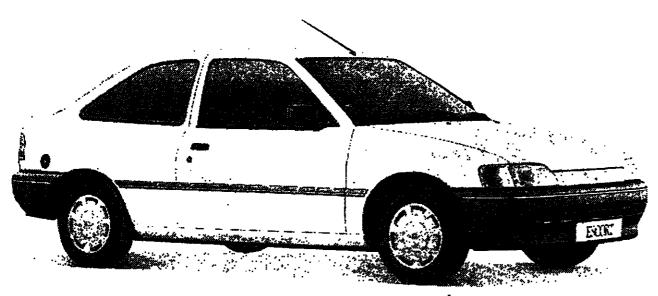
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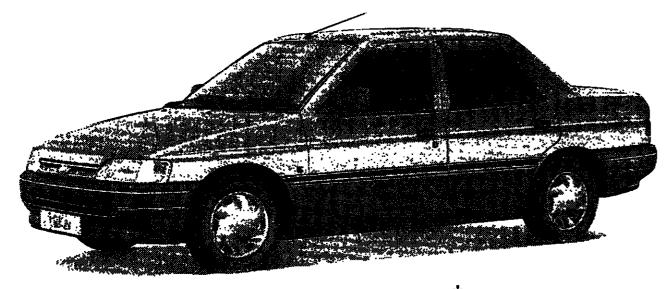


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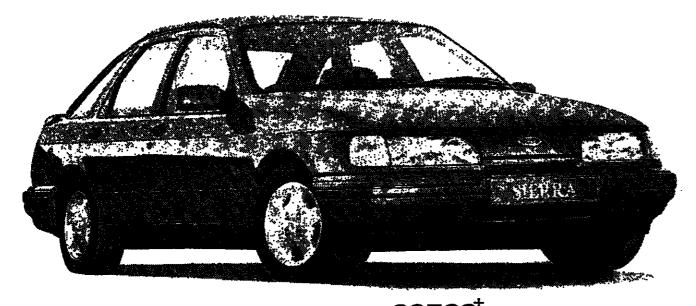


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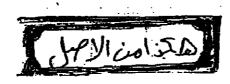
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Single soldier brings massed rebels close to peace in Liberia

One man's courage gave rebels an opportunity to surrender. But the moment was lost and peace may not get another chance soon

FROM NICHOLAS KOTCH OF REULER IN MONROVIA

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The rebels had their fingers

on the triggers of their AK-47s

as they advanced. Private

Koroma stood his ground and

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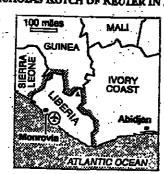
for peace, not for fighting. We

IF ANYONE was going to persuade the drugged and umpy Liberian rebels it was safe to surrender, Private Ibrahim Koroma was the man.

He was the bravest of the many brave West African troops who took part in an strange speciacle on Somalia Drive, a thin, straight highway bisecting Monrovia's front line when, during five nerve-jangling hours on Saturday, hundreds of Charles Taylor's young rebels came close to surrendering to Ecomog, the seven-nation West African force defending the Liberian capital against Mr Taylor's drive.

As the private faced the rebels, eight heads of state, meeting in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, called on the warring factions to observe a ceasefire from midnight tomorrow and approved economic sanctions

Officers from Nigeria and Sierra Leone led the negotia-tions on Somalia Drive. "Please drop your arms and come in single file," one of



them shouted through a loud hailer. "We will not be decrivers, we are peace keepers. Look at the journalists standing with me." It was Private Koroma who volunteered to take the lonely walk to the white flag hoisted in the middle of Somalia Drive.

He found the words that reassured the rebels. "Ecomog is your brother, Ecomog is your friend. You cannot fight from January to December." the Sierra Leonean private said after laying down his rifle. In their Mad Max outfits, the teenage veterans of Mr Tay-lor's National Patriotic Front



Firing line: A Liberian regular soldier, left, joins Guinean monitoring troops in defending a Monrovia suburb from attack by Charles Taylor's rebels

are brothers, black brothers under the sun," he told them. Major Hamza Agbabiaka, the Nigerian commander in the hotiest sector of the three-week battle of Monrovia, took the same line as negotiations progressed. "We are all Africans and by killing ourselves we are reducing our number,"

he said, promising the rebels food if they surrendered. Major Agbabiaka's spacedout interlocutor was Red Scorpion, born Frank A. Dennis,

was the "field commander" was not overtly challenged by his comrades. At 23 and a proud member of the "Wild Geese". Mr Taylor's Executive Mansion Guard, Red Scorpion was an old man. Most of his friends were in their teens. While the others posed for pictures with Ecomog troops. Red Scorpion started looking nervous. Flanked by his depu-ty, a fearsome kid whose least

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and thoughts. The reason was not hard to understand. He had seen the Armed Forces of Liberia men lurking beside Ecomog and had no plans to fall into their dutches.

The armed forces' claims to be Liberia's national army will never expunge the memory of their atrocities in 1990 when Mr Taylor nearly drove them into the Atlantic. "We don't wanna see AFL. We are surrendering to Ecomog," Red Scorpion told the Nigerians. Suddenly the deal was off. The patriotic front said it would consult its "overall command-er". General Mosquito, about the surrender plan. They loped back to the hundreds of rebels who had kept their distance. A small group came back to the white flag with a giant Teddy bear, a present for Ecomog and a token of good

appointed. A mass surrender by the patriotic front witnessed by foreign journalists would have been a damaging, perTaylor. They are apprehensive," the major said. "They themselves are used to killing their prisoners so they think we too will kill them." Two hours before sundown he ordered us to leave Somalia Drive. Ecomog brought up more men and machine guns. A Sierra Leonean major.

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Mandela tells rally to reject violence

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN PIETERMARITZBURG

NELSON Mandela, president of the African National Congress, stepped into the heart of Natal yesterday, where virtual civil war is raging, and called for peace.

The 10,000-strong crowd in le Wadley stadium in Edendale, a township outside Pietermaritzburg, the provincial capital, had come to hear calls for revenge for the death of the man whose coffin stood before them - Reggie Hadebe, a provincial ANC official. They cheered Peter Mokaba, the ANC youth leader, who declared: This is not the time to talk about compromise. This is the time to talk about lighting.'

In a statesmanlike speech Mr Mandela called on his audience to step back from violence. He urged the king of the Zulus, King Goodwill Zwelithini, to lead an effort to end the killing in Natal, where the Zulus are the dominant tribe. And he laid out a peace plan based on binding recommendations to be made by the existing provincial peace structures together with international observers. "We must bring the carnage to an end," Mr Mandela said. The killing must stop, and stop today, not tomorrow." As he spoke there was news that another five people had died in a gun attack the previous night

Mr Mandela recalled that Mr Hadebe had died in a hail of automatic fire as he returned from a meeting to discuss peace. To honour his memory and pay tribute to this young hero we must cast ourselves in the mould of the

mongers," he said.

He spoke of a lack of vigorous government action to end the violence, but added: This is no time for finger pointing and mutual recrimination. It is not our quarrels that will bring about peace but co-operation m rooting

out the scourge of violence."

Mr Mandela said the Zahi nation had unjustly been accused of being warlike. He paid tribute to the leaders of the Zuln people, including King Goodwill, whose uncle, Chief Mangosutha Buthelesi, is president of the Inkatha Freedom party. Members are plamed for much of the carnage in Natal. "We urge his majesty, King Zwelithini ... to use his power to lead us in a determined effort to end the killing of his people, be they Zulu or Venda, Sotho or Xhosa, Shangaan or Ndebele, be they black or white," Mr. Mandela said :



Zwelithini: urged

Angolan ideologues thwart hunt for pact

FROM SAM KILEY IN PORTO QUIPIRI, NEAR LUANDA

UNITED Nations officials struggled yesterday to bring the two sides in Angola back to the negotiating table after a week of fighting in which at least 1,000 people died. Senior diplomats in Luanda said that military forces on

both sides were anxious to establish a working ceasefire and democracy. But they were being opposed by ideological diehards who want to use the the conflict, which erupted again after the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) lost the multiparty elections in September, as an excuse to annihilate enemies.

One diplomat said that once Marxist President dos Santos was in danger of being forced out of office. Having failed to win an outright majority in September's presidential elections after the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola won legislative elections, his power base has been

Unreconstructed Marxists within the MPLA are making it clear that he is hostage to the party," said one diplomat. "It is critical to get through to the bone-head hardcore ideologues that the present conflict is not an excuse to push for victory in a war no one can

Marrack Goulding, the UN troubleshooter, yesterday delayed a planned visit to the jungle headquarters of Dr Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader. No reason was given. Dr Savimbi has been blamed for fanning the embers of the conflict by pulling out of last month's elections after it became clear he had lost.

But in Luanda last week the MPLA launched a devastating assault on Units and killed or captured at least half of the group's high command. Abel Chivularvuku, Dr. Savimbi's foreign spokesman said that a negotiated settlement was still possible.

Meanwhile, Unita soldiers patrolled the bridge at Porto Quipiri, close to the capital. After communicating with their headquarters at Caxito, eight miles away, the guerrillas confiscated three television cameras and an assortment of stills equipment before sending the journalists back to the capital Patrolling government soldiers were weary but relaxed. A temporary ceasefire had been set up along the Caxito road and there was no desire to break it.

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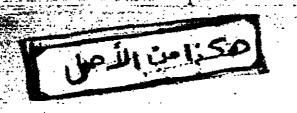
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Mountains hold perils for convoys en route to a siege city



Stewart: pledge to keep

IN TUZLA

THE volley of automatic rifle fire could not have been more than 200 yards away but in the dense forest it was impossible to tell who was trying to discourage us from reaching this beleaguered Bosnian city.

To describe the twisting mountain road leading to Tuzla as tortuous or risky is a gross underestimation of the condition of the 70 miles of mostly dirt track that is the fragile umbilical cord between this city's stranded 180.000 inhabitants and the outside world.

As a traveller quickly learns in negotiating these back-waters of rural Bosnia, the only advantage of grinding in low gear up steep mountain mous rocks or skidding through the lakes of mud in the valleys is that a vehicle concealed in the woods is less

British troops in Bosnia have been forced to fire in self defence for the first time. There will be worse to come as they struggle to keep the supply lines open

likely to be within sight or range of Serbian gunners and

snipers. That lesson was made plain on Sunday morning when a British army reconnaissance convoy of four Land-Rovers chose the relative ease of a tarmac road, which would in theory have cut travel time from five hours to one but did not take into account the local military geography. In this instance, British soldiers of the Cheshire Regiment and the Royal Engineers escaped without casualties after they came under sustained attack from Serbian machineguns and a mortar and returned fire to cover their retreat.

of the Cheshires, Lt Col Bob Stewart, who ordered the patrol to return to its headquarters in Vitez, will soon need to commit further British troops on the road to Tuzla if he is to fulfil his pledge to keep supplies reaching the city and its surrounding vil-lages during the winter. Already there is apprehension in the besieged city that whatever food, medicines and clothing can be brought it will be too little and probably too late to avert a human catastrophe when the rains make the

road impassable and snow

seals off the city. Once a thriving industrial town of mainly Bosnian Mus-

by the shortage of petrol which has paralysed most of the vehicles there. The modern convention centre is draped in the dothes lines of refugee families, part of a 50,000-strong population of displaced people who add pressure to the over-stretched

municipal resources. Locals are so accustomed to the sound of exploding artillery rounds fired from Serbian positions that they casually walked past the sight of a recent shell explosion in the town centre which had claimed the life of a teenage boy. Instead residents concentrate their efforts on the day-to-day business of surviving, which means getting to the head of queues formed permanently outside bakeries. All staple foods are strictly rationed.

This period will be very hard for us and I only hope

said that the shortage of medical supplies could be-come critical. He, like almost everyone in Tuzia, is hoping that the city's military airport, closed since hostilities began in May, will be reopened by the United Nations and that, like Sarajevo, an air bridge

will be opened to shuttle relief supplies by plane. But while the UN considers the risky option of flying into a second war zone, the road link remains the city's only hope. If the military situation worsens and the Serbs tighten their stranglehold on this area, then General Zeljko Knej, commander of the Bosnian army's second corps, said that the authorities might have to resort to desperate

Tuzla was once the centre of Bosnia's chemical industry

by the outside world." Dr Vadim Kurt, an eye surgeon at Tuzla's main Mustafa Muj Begovic Hospital, said. He gas. Two weeks ago, when gas. Two weeks ago, when Serbian forces launched fierce attacks on two fronts north of Tuzla, the chlorine containers were moved by train to the front line as a deterrent against further shelling.

If the chlorine tankers are hit they will release enough deadly gas to affect not only Bosnia and Serbia, but also Austria, Hungary and Roma-nia," General Knej said. "We do not want to resort to this defence but we may have to if we want the world to understand our predicament." ☐ Belgrade: Macedonian

police were maintaining a vigil on the streets of Skopie yesterday after riots by ethnic Albanians on Friday left four dead. The confrontations with police underlined the fragility of ethnic peace in Macedonia and underscored increasing fears of a fullscale

Frekovski, the republic's interior minister, alleged that preparations for the riots had been laid ten days earlier.

been laid ten days enther.
On Friday aftermoon a raid by police against black-marketters in a market in the capital sparked riots by ethnic Albanians. Shops, cars and tyres were burned and police exchanged fire with automatic weapons. According to Mr Frekovski, ethnic Albanians chanted: "We want war, we don't want peace".

The republic's leadership has been warning ever more insistently that unless it receives recognition it will slide into war. At least a quarter of its population are ethnic Albanians and Macedonia has been historically covered by Serbia. Greece and Bulgaria. Albanian nationalists warn to incorporate western Macedonia and the southern Serbian province of Kosovo into a

Serb gunmen win the first round against British troops in Bosnia

FROM MICHAEL EVANS. DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina were forced by Serb gunmen to abandon a mission after being ambushed with light mortar, heavy machinegun and small-arms fire while on a reconnaissance trip to Tuzla. The soldiers responded with a spirited burst of 30 rounds from their SA80 rifles before pulling

The party of four Land-Rovers with four officers had no choice but to turn back. However, the significance of the incident, the first time the British have been targeted and the first time they have fired back, will not have been lost on the Serb commanders. Nor. indeed, on the politicians in London who oppose the deployment of British troops

The Serbs are off the leash. They are commanded in Bosnia by General Ratko Mladic. who has a reputation for being ruthlessly logical but crazy. His political allegiance appears to lie with Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade who is

using his general to confront the international community. The British, more than any other UN contingent here, are located in areas on which Serbian gunsights are trained. The fall of Jajce is expected to be followed by the seizure of Travnik and Turbe. But, more importantly. Gorni Vakuf. which is further south and lies at the heart of the British supply route, also looks vulnerable. This busy town, which later this week will be home for a company from the Cheshire Regiment and a squadron of

Royal Engineers, is a staging post on the route across the mountains to Vitez, known variously as the Ho Chi Minh trail or the Khyber Pass. If Gorni Vakuf were to fall to the Serbs, they could cut off the supply line to Vitez and thus bring to a halt British efforts to provide humanitarian relief to towns such as Travnik. Tuzla, Doboj and Maglaj. The signs are already

ominous. Travelling in the area, you can hear the sound

of artillery fire at Turbe, 12



miles from Vitez. The Serbian front line loops southwards into central Bosnia and with artillery positions in the mountains of Vlasic and Komar, even Vitez could just be reached with shellfire.

At Tomislavgrad, another key British staging post, which is packed with Croatian HVO troops, warnings were put out on military radio on Saturday that the town could come under Serbian mortar fire or air attack. Men from 35 Royal Engineers and the Royal

Corps of Transport were ordered to put on flak jackets.

There was no attack.

The ambush of the reconnaissance party earlier on Saturday was not unexpected. Every recce close to Serbian lines was bound to be a gamble until the Warriors, the only vehicle which will protect the soldiers from small-arms fire, arrive. They have been delayed 48 hours and are not due here until Wednesday. The challenge for Lt Col Bob Stewart, commander of the

battalion group that will even-tually be based at Vitez, is to find the right formula for fulfilling his mission of saving lives. His soldiers must be neutral as representatives of the UN relief effort, but if they are forced to withdraw every time a shot is fired, the food and medical supplies will nev-er reach their intended goal.

Col Stewart has already had one personal triumph. Two weeks ago he visited Maglai on a recce, where the residents begged him to return with supplies. He fulfilled his promise last week and was greeted, along with the British soldiers, as a hero.

Whether the Serbs advance closer to the British bases or not in the next few weeks, the arrival of 45 heavily armoured Warriors will at least help to change the odds. Col Stewart is adamant that the soldiers "are not here to fire their weapons" but as the shooting incident on Saturday proved the Serbs are not interested in ground rules.

There is no question that armoured vehicles help to provide a deterrent presence with the convoys. Ten days ago a convoy from Belgrade succeeded in reaching Sarajevo for the first time since May. It was protected by Ukrainian ight-wheeled Soviet-made armoured vehicles with 76mm guns Major David Pinder-Köhnk , a British officer serving at the UN protection force headquarters at Kisiljak, near Sarajevo, was with the convoy. He said: "It was extraordinary to see these Ukrainian armoured vehicles. the sort of thing we have been training for years in Nato to fight against. There is no doubt they helped to underline our determination to get that convoy through Serbian lines to Sarajevo.

New supply route, page 1



Let my people go: a Catholic woman arguing from the back of a lorry with military police who stopped 200 refugees from leaving Sarajevo at the weekend

Russian officers urged to rebel

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

AS President Yeltsin prepares for his visit to London, his thoughts will never be far from the political battle in Moscow where developments over the weekend looked ominous.

At Revolution Day railies organised by the communist opposition whose size and militancy exceeded expectations, speakers appeared to be challenging him to a trial of strength. Colonel Stanislav Terekhov, leader of a communist army officers' movement, called for military men to join forces with workers and farm-ers to topple the "criminal clique" in the Kremlin. "Let the Americans play these democratic games, we are bored with it," Colonel Terekhov told a crowd of 25,000 Kremlin who waved Soviet flags and chanted slogans such as "Put Yeltsin on Trial", near the

The boldness of Colonel Terekhov and other leaders of the National Salvation Front, a group of hardliners dedicated to ousting Mr Yeltsin, was a pointed reminder that his efforts to outlaw the organisation have so far been fruitless. Viktor Anpilov, a journalist who leads an even more militant communist faction,

swear the new eath of loyalty.

The rising militancy of the hardliners is sharpening Mr Yeltsin's dilemma as he pre-pares for a session of the conservative Congress of Peo-ple's Deputies in December.

faces a choice between compromising with "centrist" critics to secure approval for a watered-down version of his reforms, or taking a more confrontational approach, which might include emergency rule. In an interview published on Saturday, the former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev claimed that at least one faction in Mr Yeltsin's powerful Security Council wanted a state of

emergency.
The scope for compromise is narrowing, with some reform-ers now convinced that there is no alternative to presidential rule, confining the legislature to an advisory role. One reason for Mr Yeltsin to show boldness is that he is still relatively popular, and would, in the short term at least, stand a good chance of winning a referendum on a new constitution that trimmed the legislature's powers. Another reason for taking decisive action is that the economy is in no condition to withstand a relaxation of financial discipline.

Ban lifted: The Russian government has lifted the ban on Mr Gorbachev travelling abroad. He began a visit to Berlin yeterday. The govern-ment refused to let him visit Italy last month because of his refusal to testify at court hearings into the banned Communist party. (Reuter)

Friend in need, page 18

Cameras focus on Stalin's family

FROM OLIVER WATES IN MOSCOW

LENIN sits half-crippled in his Kremlin rooms and Stalin lies dying in his dacha while prominent victims of his reign of terror walk to their deaths along corridors in a real KGB prison.

Stalin, a new American film about the Soviet dictator, is the first to take advantage of democracy in Russia to gain access to some of the actual sites featured in its script. Robert Duvall, the American who heads the international cast. slept in Stalin's bed at the dacha at Kuntsevo. outside Moscow, where the dictator

spent his last years.

Glittering halls in the Kremlin and other palatial buildings around Moscow



Duvali: slept in bed used by the dictator

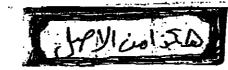
were also thrown open to the cameras. Zinoviev and other opponents of Stalin were shot in the gloomy vaults of the Butyrki prison. as close as the film-makers could get to the real site, the infamous KGB headquarters in the Lubyanka.

The film had its world premiere in Moscow on Saturday night, the 75th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution that eventually brought Stalin to power. Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, was among several hundred people at the screening of what historian Dmitri Volkogonov, who advised the producers, said was "an American perspective on Stalin's life.

Covering the period from 1917 to Stalin's death in March 1953, the film focuses on his family life from the point of view of Nadya, his rife, and then of Svetlans, his daughter. "We made a deliberate choice to tell this movie through Stalin's personal life," producer Mark Carliner said, "We felt it was impossible to tell a story about a man who kills 40 million people ... it's too monstrous."

Russian critics could find plenty to object to in Stalin. but the film seemed to go down well with its first





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Extremists jeer Berlin rally against racial attacks

The demonstration may have only limited effect. Despite the high turnout, most Germans do not want the changes in society that immigration brings

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BERLIN

LEFT-WING extremists yesterday disrupted a rally against racist violence called here by President von Weizsacker, who was forced to interrupt his speech for several minutes. He was eventually able to continue only under the protection of a large force of riot police.

But in number terms the rally was a great success, attended by almost 350,000 people, many more than expected, and rivalling the great anti-nuclear demonstrations of the past. The extremists by contrast numbered only a few hundred.

Some of the placards at the demonstration displayed the humour for which Berlin was also famous: "Germans! Eat only German bananas!" one of them read, while another begged: "Dear foreigners! ase don't leave us alone with the Germans!"

All the main German parties were represented, with the exception of the right-wing Christian Social Union, allies of Helmut Kohl, the chancel-) lor, in Bavaria, Ironically, the screams of "hypocrites" with which the radicals yesterday tried to disrupt the demonstration echoed the reason given by the CSU's leaders for not attending.

The anger of the radicals was directed not so much at Herr von Weizsäcker as at Herr Kohl, who was also present. Herr Kohl has been widely blamed for not showing solidarity with victims of right-wing violence and for using this as an argument for reducing Germany's constitutional guarantee of political asylum. It is this guarantee that is now blamed for attracting hundreds of thousands of asylum-seekers to Germany.

Saturday's demonstrators marched to Berlin's Lustgarten Square in two columns, one from the Gethsemane church, the centre of the movement against communist dictatorship in eastern Berlin in 1989, and one from the western Memorial church, symbol of second world war destruction. The first trouble began when Herr Kohl tried to join the western march at the Brandenburg Gate and was pelted with eggs and other

Herr von Weizsäcker managed to utter just one sentence before his voice was drowned by whistles and boos. After the police had taken up position. he quoted the theme of the demonstration, the first article of the German constitution:

"Human dignity is inviolable." This, the president said. meant human dignity, not

German dignity.

He recalled that today would be the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the start of the Nazi pogrom against Jews in 1938, as well as of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. "We must never again allow German democracy to be brought into question," he said.

He said that the poverty of the rest of the world would inevitably mean, as always in history, that immigrants would flow towards Germany. That does not give us the right to insult them as "asylum

After the president ended the demonstration, Ignatz Bubis, the leader of Germany's Jewish community, told the left-wing extremists: "You don't seem to appreciate that it is only thanks to democracy that we can hold this demonstration at all. I appeal to you; violence will only cause more

What impact the demonstration will have is not clear. Herr von Weizsäcker said that "the purpose of this demonstration is to stir people up". But he himself, although greatly admired for his honesty and forthrightness, has also been called a moral symbol who merely makes the Germans feel better about themselves.

The heart of the matter is that immigration will inevitably change German society and culture - and that is something most Germans do not want.

☐ Jerusaiem: Yitzhak Arad. the chairman of Israel's Holocaust memorial, has urged Herr Kohl, in a letter made public here yesterday, to re-strain the neo-Nazis who have been attacking Jewish



Von Weizsäcker: voice was lost amid jeers



Torch vigil: hundreds of people gathering at the former Dachau concentration camp in remembrance of the persecution of the Jews on Kristallnacht, November 9, 1938

French hit list highlights the complexities of Gatt conflict

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

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"Cowards": the war

as France-Soir sees it

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EC ministers will hear a

report from Frans Andriessen,

who seems likely to return to

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the EC in any new talks. Mr

MacSharry stepped aside

from the talks last week after

complaining to Jacques De-

lors, the president of the Euro-

pean Commission, that he was

undermining his bargaining

position. Yesterday Mr And-

riessen obliquely acknow-

ledged that M Delors opposed

a deal on current terms but

denied that his opinion would

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Mr MacSharry's "resigna-

tion" from the talks appears to

have been designed to ensure

this sort of isolation for M

Delors. EC diplomats believe

Mr MacSharry may return to

the talks if prospects improve. The French see M Delors as

a Frenchman nobly defending

European integrity. Le Monde

inveighed yesterday against

the British for suggesting that

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FRANCE'S latest demands for a "hit list" of trade-war measures aimed at the United States show how tough the impasse over the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) will be to resolve. The dispute touches some of the most sensitive spots in the Gallic psyche: the cherished rural way of life and bullying by "les Anglo-Saxons".

Sympathy for the plight of the million subsidised small farmers is guaranteed in a country which defines itself heavily through its village tra-ditions. René Monory, the Speaker of the Senate, pleaded on Friday for the defence of "our rural culture which is different from other countries." Jean-Pierre Soisson, the agriculture minister, evoked visions of lost virginity, saying: "If we lie down [for the Americans]. we will cease to exist."

Television images of British rage against M Delors have stiffened popular resolve against perfidious Albion and its American cousins. One television report depicted Ray MacSharry, the combative European commissioner for agriculture, and an Irishman. as British. Little of the non-French argument is penetrating the popular media to mar the wisdom that France, as the only "agricultural superpower" in the European Community, is being let down by the selfishness of its partners. "The English and the Germans coldly desert us," proclaimed a headline in France-

EC foreign ministers will today try to give fresh impetus to the paralysed world trade talks. But American officials, who threaten punitive tariffs on white wine and luxury food from early December, are less optimistic. Edward Madigan, the US farm secretary, said yesterday that he sought "an

sonal ambitions first in the negotiations. He had, said the paper, behaved impeccably. If there was any domestic political manoeuvring going on it was on the part of the British who thought they could refurbish their reputation by puliing off a Gatt accord.

For several weeks now they have been systematically trying to dump on to the French the troubles which they are themselves having in running the presidency of the Community

The latest opinion polls show M Delors as the most favoured candidate to succeed François Mitterrand, should the president step down now. M Delors, the former French finance minister, is thought to harbour plans for a high political career at home but his advisers in Brussels say he will stay to the end of his term there in 1994. M Mitterrand's own poll rating has slumped nine points to 34 per cent since the Maastricht referendum and news that he

was suffering from cancer. Tonight M Mitterrand is to make a television appearance, mainly to try to clear the air over the scandal over government policy on Aids and blood transfusions in the mid-1980s. After the sentencing of three officials for allowing the distribution of HIV-contaminated blood, it was revealed last week that blood had continued to be collected from prisons after it was accepted that such blood fell into the highest category of Aids risk. Opposition politicians are demanding the trial of Laurent Fabius, the then prime minister, along with other ministers of the time. The extreme-right National Front party this weekend vilified M Fabius in

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anti-Semitic terms.

America bottles up trade war cure

FROM WILLIAM CASH IN LOS ANGELES

WHEN a bottle of Liebfraumilch costs nearly as much as a bottle of Moet & Chandon wine connoisseurs start to get nervous. With Americans facing the cheerless prospect of paying about \$25 (£15) for an average bottle of white plonk over Christmas after a threatened 200 per cent tax increase on European white wine is imposed in a month's time. US wine merchants and wholesale buyers have been placing orders with shippers to dispatch containers loaded with white wine - any wine, so long as it arrives by December 5.

Jim Allen, vice-president Southern Wine and Spirits, a leading wine wholesaler on the West Coast with a turnover of \$650 million a year. has stockpiled his warehouse with wine at pre-tariff increase prices, and is looking forward to making very tidy profit this

But many merchants think that most Americans the prices for fancy European labels and will instead buy better value white wines from Australia and the US. European wines now make up only 15 per cent of the US market for table wines, of which half is white wine. And the tariffs could be welcome for California's wine industry. America's leading producer.

Norwegian party to seek EC entry By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A NORWEGIAN application for membership of the European Community came closer vesterday after a vote by the ruling Labour Party to join the EC. The party voted by 182 to 106 at its annual convention in Oslo to make a formal application, despite growing opposition among voters and an unhappy history of failed attempts to join the Comm-

unity.

Gm Harlem Brundtland, the prime minister, called for immediate talks so that Norway could negotiate jointly with its Nordic partners, Finland and Sweden, which have also applied to join. She said that EC was the "leading system of political co-operation in Europe", and called on Norwegians to take part in an historic process of European integration to ensure that it had a vote on international

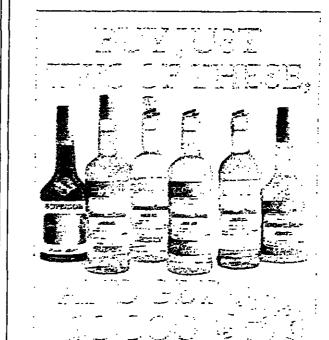
Delegates opposed to membership promised fierce oppo-sition, saying that the EC meant less democracy, greater centralisation and less social justice. Public opinion is still

divided on an issue that has been controversial since a referendum voted not to go ahead with membership, suc-cessfully negotiated in 1972. An opinion poll published yesterday showed that 55 per cent were opposed to membership, a rise of 2 per cent in the past month. Only 35 per cent are in favour, with the rest

Mrs Brundtland, senior Labour members and Norwe-gian industry have long favoured membership. She said last night that the situation was "radically different" from 1972. The EC has anticipated the application, and will probably try to open talks with all the Scandinavian applicants at the same time.

The four-day party congress, which ended yesterday. picked Thorbjoern Jagland to succeed Mrs Brundtland as leader after her announcement that she was resigning after 12 years for personal reasons after the suicide of her son, Joergen, in September.

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Dubcek, market socialist who stirred Prague, dies

By ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

THE death on Saturday of Alexander Dubœk after eight weeks in intensive care in a Prague hospital preceded by only a few weeks the demise of the Czechoslovak federation. The split is supposed to be complete by the new year and. until his car accident in Sep-tember. Mr Dubcek, 70, was earmarked to be independent

Slovakia's first president. A President Dubœk would certainly have raised Slovakia's international profile. The Slovak prime minister. Vladimir Meciar, though undoubtedly the most powerful man in Bratislava, cuts a rather dull image abroad. He was overshadowed in a recent trip to London by the Czech prime minister, Vaclav Klaus, a longtime disciple of Baroness Thatcher with articulate views on privatisation and the limitations of the European Communin Mr Dubcek could have drawn on his internanonal popularity, which dates naturally from the time of the 1007-08 Prague Spring, and he could also have smoothed the divorce with the Czechs.

But it was not to be, and the road to Slovak independence is beginning to look rather bumpy. Mr Mediar has angered the Czech establishment by signalling a wish to renego-tiate the Czechoslovak-German friendship treaty. The Slovaks in turn have been infuriated by Czech suggestions that Mr Mediat was driving Slovakia towards an

armed conflict with Hungary. One should not however, overestimate Mr Dubcek's skills as a modern politician. His innovative "socialism with a human face", his first attempts at introducing a market socialist economy, caught the imagination of the 1968 generation not only in Eastern Europe, but also the West. The brutal Warsaw Pact invasion of August 1968, Leonid Brezhnev's cruel jibes, and then the decades of isolation, working as a Slovak forest warden, were a serious chall-enge to Mr Dubcek's personal creed. It took all his energy to hang on to a vague idea of reform socialism.

When Mikhail Gorbachev seemed to embrace similar policies. Mr Dubcek became a happy man again. But when even reform socialism was discredited, when Mr Gorbachev fell, Mr Dubcek never really caught up. After the Velvet Revolution of 1989 he became Speaker of the federal parliament, a role even more marginal than that of Presi-Mr Havel said last night: "I

knew Mr Dubcek as a sweethearted, candid and modest man who was undoubtedly a significant personality in th history of modern Czechoslovakia.

We last met shortly after the June elections that so altered the balance of power between Czechs and Slovaks. Mr Dubcek had returned to Slovak politics as leader of the small Social Democratic party. It was supposed to be an interview but the "erev fox" of Slovak politics was completely absorbed with events and barely able to concentrate. He had become absent-minded. Diplomats complained that on returning from high-level talks in Japan he had forgotten the whole gist of his meetings, and it was plain he could no longer keep up with the pace of change. On Mr Meciar though he was clear enough: "He's a strong man, you know, and Slovaks need such people. I think he is also wise enough to see how the Czechs can continue to help the Slovaks." Mr Meciar, who will pre-

side over Mr Dubcek's funeral this week, would no doubt have wished for a more ringing endorsement. It will be the kind of funeral that concentrates political minds, marking the end of one political dream and highlighting the lack of a new coherent vision. Locked into an impossible timetable, Czech and Slovak politicians are whirling in circles. Within seven weeks they have to settle details of how to divide the army and the intelligence service; how to share out federal assets; and how to resolve the issue of Czechoslovakia's legal

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NEWS IN BRIEF China vows

to undo reforms

Peking: China has vowed that any democratic reforms carried out in Hong Kong will be dismantled when Peking takes over the colony in 1997. Members of the Chinese parliament said China would reorganise legislative, judicial and administrative branches of government if more democracy was introduced. (Reuter).

Talks stalled Peking: Talks to try to rescue

the Paris peace plan for Cambodia ended in deadlock. Rouge's refusal to disarm before elections in May. Strike called

Buenos Aires: Argentina faces a general strike after talks between the unions and the government over salary and pension increases collapsed.

Aid ban lifted London: Britain has lifted the ban on aid and arms to Sri Lanka, imposed in retaliation for the expulsion of the British

high commissioner. Base attacked

Beirut: Four Israeli jets attacked the pro-Iranian Hezbollah at a base in the western Bekaa valley, Lebanon, killing Obituary, page 21 | at least four militiamen.

Plutonium escort in collision at sea

BY NIGEL HAWKES. SCIENCE EDITOR

Japanese vessel escorting a freighter carrying 1.7 tonnes of plutonium collided yesterday off the coast of Brittany. The helicopter landing deck

of the Greenpeace vessel Solo was damaged as the Shikishima closed on it from the port side. Nobody was hurt in the collision, but Greenpeace daimed the manoeuvres were dangerous and provocative. "It's unbelievable," said a Greenpeace spokesman. Eloi Glorieux. They are acting against every rule of international maritime regulations."

While the two ships played a cat-and-mouse game, the object of the fuss, the freighter Akatsuki Maru, sailed on some three miles ahead. Aboard is the first large shipment of plutonium to be returned to Japan from the French nuclear reprocessing plant at La Hague in Brittany. where it was extracted from spent Japanese nuclear fuel. The route to be taken back to Yokohama is secret, but about a dozen countries, including South Africa. Chile. Argentina and Malaysia, have indicated

displeasure by banning the Akatsuki Maru from their territorial waters. Yesterday the Suez Canal authorities suggested that the ship might be allowed to pass though the canal if adequate safety measures were in place

A GREENPEACE boat and a Japanese to take a much longer route, either around the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Hom. About 2.000 French police.

naval commandos and frog-men were drafted in on Saturday as the Japanese ship loaded the plutonium in Cherbourg. One Greenpeace boat, the Moby Dick, was boarded by commandos who kicked in doors, smashed windows and held the crew at gunpoint. according to Greenpeace. More than 30 people were detained by police and later released. The Solo, which had been surrounded by French patrol boats outside the harbour, evaded boarding and made a run for international waters, pursued by a French gunboat.

Japanese spokesmen insist that the plutonium, packed in the form of plutonium dioxide in 15 flasks capable of withstanding intense heat and surviving intact in 33,000 ft of water, is perfectly safe.

About 20 tonnes of plutoni um is to be returned to Japan over the next eight years, either from France or Britain. The nuclear waste produced during reprocessing will also

be sent back. Japan is alone in having the means to make use of the plutonium, a nuclear fuel that can be burned to generate electricity. The fast breeder reactors able to use plutonium Promotion helpline 071 229 9660. and insurance paid. Most are being closed down in observers, however, expect the Europe and the US.

From bedroom to billboard

Britain's prostitutes are launching an audacious poster campaign to push their case for working from home.

espite its proverbial longevity, the subject of pros-titution remains a taboo subject. Yet prostitutes exist. There are thousands of them, and every town has its red light district. Despite such rude health, it is illegal to solicit, and prostitutes cannot

Walter Ellis reports

advertise, except in code. Until now, that is. Tomorrow, the English Collective of Prostitutes, the unofficial "girls' union", is launching an extensive billboard campaign.
The collective, founded in the King's Cross area of London a decade ago by prostitutes with the help of radical feminist groups, will not reveal their precise slogans, but it will say that the campaign is aimed at opposing the notion of state-sanctioned

Niki Adams, a spokeswoman for the collective, is opposed to the view, now gaining round in political and police circles, that prostitution should be legalised, but confined to restricted areas, run either by the state or the municipality. She does not want her members to be corralled into "ghettos", where the pimps will know exactly where they are and when, how many "tricks" they have turned and how much they are likely to have earned, and where police and council snoopers will make them feel like

"We think the present law should be abolished and that women should be able to advertise and work from their own premises," Ms Adams says. She thinks that measures to institutionalise prostitution would "make

the state a pimp". Prostitition is not, in fact, illegal, but the law, as it stands, does proscribe "houses of ill-repute" and bans every recognised form of drum-ming up trade, such as a card in the newsagent's window or a small ad in the local paper. In Parliament, there have been calls in recent years for regulated brothel districts, and various councils, troubled by complaints from residents in streets where prostitutes work, have begun to show a keen interest.

Next month, Birmingham city council will decide whether to apply to the Home Office for a bylaw to exclude a designated district from laws against soliciting. Such a "toleration zone" would be set well away from residential areas and supervised initiative already has backing within the West Midlands police and is intended, in the words of one Midlands MP, to "remove the more objectionable aspects of the trade out of residential areas". As things stand, the Balsall Heath area of Birmingham, in particular, has become a de facto red light district, and local women have complained of being accosted in the streets as they walk

their dogs or go shopping.

The collective is having none of this

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Bad idea: Niki Adams, of the English Collective of Prostitutes, does not want her members to be herded into state-sanctioned "ghettos"

"zonal approach" (which is also being considered in Nottingham). Such erotic shopping malls would, they say, only reinforce the prevailing view that prostitutes have no legitimate place within the community. They want a whores' charter instead, encouraging public acceptance of encouraging public acceptance of their existence as part of the local welfare economy. What they want is recognition of prostitutes as small traders engaged in a form of social therapy, not ostracism and moral apart-

heid. "If more than one woman works out of the same premises, they can be prosecuted for running a brothel," says Ms Adams, who follows the collective's policy in refusing to say whether she is a working prostitute herself. "They are harassed by the police and are offered no protection against violence." Ms Adams thinks that the collective's "cottage industry" solution would reduce the influence of pimps.

This week's advertising campaign has been created, and funded, by Bartle Bogle Hegarty (BBH), one of Britain's leading advertising agencies, which handles the accounts of, among others, Levi Jeans, Sony and the National Westminster Bank. Rachel Carroll, the campaign director, says BBH has chosen to work with the collective partly because they are neighbours in Soho, where they have each celebrated their tenth anniversary of trading, and partly because they like to give a voice "to those who cannot make themselves heard". It will not be their first such loss-leader. Past BBH campaigns include that organised by the Friends

'The present law should be abolished, and prostitutes should be able to advertise and work from their own premises

of John McCarthy, focusing on the hostages issue, while a series of cinema advertisements has just begun on behalf of The Big Issue, a

ewspaper for and by the homeless. Ms Carroll says that laws currently governing prostitution are an indication of the hypocrisy surrounding sex. She says that most prostitutes are victims of failed marriages or social deprivation, and dismisses the popular belief that they are spreading the Aids virus. "That is another preconception that needs to be challenged," she says. She also rejects any suggestion that her agency might in some way encourage girls to enter the oldest profession, but is adamant that those who earn their living by prostitution require freedom to oper-ate and protection from

It is certainly a robust atti-

tude for a commercial enterprise to take, particularly one which makes its millions from the glittering world of advertising. Perhaps it is the oldest adventising maxim of all. Sex Sells, that attracted BBH in the first place - that and neighbourly concern in an area of London long famous for its easy virtue. What is not in doubt is that the posters will

arouse vigorous controversy. On the Continent, where legislation is generally more advanced than in Britain, there are several models to learn from, but none has the collective's approval. German law allows girls to flaunt their wares within carefully controlled areas, such as the Reeperbahn in Hamburg, but while it taxes their earnings at a rate of 56 per cent, it does not offer any form of

social security. In France, says Ms Adams, the law fails to distinguish between clients on the one hand and husbands and boyfriends on the other, regarding all three as "clients", and forbids prostitutes from living with their children once the child is over the age of 18. It even obliges women to inform the police when and where they are going on

The Dutch are generally felt to be the most liberal on prostitution of any European state (though Czechoslovakia and Russia are catching up fast). But though the girls in the windows in Amsterdam's Walletjes district appear to be model entrepreneurs. knitting a new jumper for their daughter as they flash their suspenders, they are actually persecuted by pimps and harassed by health inspectors and the taxman, Ms Adams says. Soon, they are likely to be forced into a registration scheme and obliged to declare their every move, sexual,

medical and financial.

Here, the English collective, with its core membership in London and branches throughout the country, hopes that its audacious new campaign will awaken public opinion to the value of neighbourhood strumpets, operating with the same freedom as the Avon lady and advertising in Tesco's.

All the girls love a sinner

y husband once, for a television documentary, attempted to write a romantic magazine story. His researches took him to Scotland to meet Violet Winspear, a Mills & Boon star writer whom he described as "middle aged, roundish and with speciacle lenses like jamjar bottoms". But she knew a iar bottoms". But she knew a thing or two about women. Paul had given his hero "broad, comforting shoulders" and Miss Winspear laughed him to scorn. "Comforting!" she said. "That is not a word! would ever use about a man!" She preferred "threatening" So he went away and typed "broad, threatening shoulders". And looked at it for a while, and gave up typing to understand women at all.

The same sensation may overwhelm men reading Gra-ham Lord's account of "the wives and times" of the now immortal Soho low-lifer Jef-frey Bernard. Any decent, quiet man who drinks his halfpint, saves up to have the house decorated and treats women like human beings must find it utterly bewildering to contemplate the fact that Mr Bernard has got through four wives and 250odd mistresses without — as Mr Lord makes quite clear ever showing any consideration at all. "He simply ignored the problems and pressures of everyday living and determined to enjoy himself. He was completely self-centred. He was free," Mr. Londons He was been recent Lord says. He was also repeatedly divorced on such grounds as drinking, morose moods and incendiary tendencies (mainly setting fire to the bedclothes with fagends). He was once sick on the Queen Mother, at Ascot.

Yet more and more women fell at his feet. We still do, actually; or at least fall for his image. On both occasions when I have seen the brilliantly cast Peter O'Toole playing the part in Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell, all the women in the party have gone misty over those bloodshot, dissipated blue eyes, that staggering gait, that shaking hand on the works bottle. We repressed a powerful urge to dive through the proscenium arch and throw in our lot with him. And this despite the procession of furious en wives crossing the stage with lines like: Your dinner is in the oven --late mistress, sadly, is his natural condition." When it chaos seemed to work for him. It works for a lot of men.

Why? Why do intelligent and beautiful women so often yoke themselves to hopelessly irresponsible boozers and womanisers? Common sense tells us that there is no happy future in it, but such men are always festooned with adoring women, and leave them as often as they get left

themselves. The classic explanation, of course, is maternal: "Every woman believes she can reform a rake." A more modern feminist psychobabble claims that in choosing hopeless part-



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self-esteem. Romantic story-writers try to have their cate and eat it: even Jilly Cooper. creator of numerous fuscinatingly disgraceful heroes, ended Polo by handing the girl over in the end to sober,

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the Coach and Houses and plastic bagini of haddock fillets and eco-inendly labric softenand our livers, but there is no point pretending that the temptation is not there.

Perhaps these men are best when they become memories. There is a wonderful story in Mr Lord's book where he and Jeffrey Bernard meet Fenella Fielding in a theatre loyer. Who the hell is that old cow? Bernard enquires. "Looks as if she knows me." When Mr Lord tells him, he says "Christ, is it? I once lived with her for a year."

I bet that Fenella Fielding felt quite uplified. After all, she got clear in time. She can afford a dash of nostalgia.

Hitting the bottle hard "It takes all sorts to build a team. Women in one Indian state are

villages are campaigning aggressively against drunken husbands hooked on a potent poor man's drink called ar-rack. They have looted and burned down liquor shops, beaten arrack delivery men with sticks, and brought the politically powerful arrack industry to its knees. There has never been a movement quite like this one.

The scourge of village women in the large southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh is a little plastic sachet of clear liquid produced by the government liquor monopoly. It contains two stiff measures of arrack, made from sugarcane. Three of these will lay the average man out cold.

Alcoholism among rural men is rampant. Village women complain that increased wife-beating and poverty are the direct result of a drive by the state government to sell arrack to the rural poor by packaging it in small measures and opening arrack shops in all the state's 100,000 willages Arrack is a huge villages. Arrack is a huge revenue earner, and without it the state would be thrown into financial chaos. That prospect is dawning as the anti-liquor crusade gathers strength.

Excise duties from arrack sales provide the state exchequer with 20 per cent of its entire income. It is the second biggest income source after sales tax. Politicians are deeply involved in the business, some enriching themselves handsomely. The state government has a monopoly on legal liquor

production. Private armies maintained by liquor barons keep the retail business in the hands of a close-knit circle of politicians adopting radical measures to

fight their husbands' alcoholism

and leading figures of the Goud caste, whose members traditionally produce liquor. Before the government launched its drive to sell arrack to the village poor seven years ago, villagers drank a weak natural toddy tapped from palm trees, with few problems. The state government in Hyderabad owns 23 arrack distilleries, producing 3.6 mil-

lion litres of ginlike liquor a year. Each pocket-sized sachet retails for around six rupees (14 pence). A typical daily agricultural wage is 25 rupees. It is usual to take the drink with a pinch of salt and chili powder so it slams into the throat and burns in the

Lachuamma aged 18, washing dothes in her vil-Rural women: now more assertive lage of Yadavelli. says in a whisper. "My hus-band beats me. Nearly every married woman in the village has been beaten. The men are

addicted to arrack. They expect us to feed the family on The same story can be repeated by women in every village in the state. When they started to rise up in protest two months ago their husbands were astonished and outraged: many beat their wives in anger. But the men have failed to halt the prohibition bandwagon. The state government

is so alarmed by the overnight

plunge in income it has set up a four-member cabinet subcommittee to recommend what to do. It will report by the end of December. "A social revolution has

says Valluripalli Sandhia, president of the Progressive Organisation for Women, a group fighting for women's rights in Andhra population 60 million.

found the courage to rise up because they are desper-ate," she says. Family life has been destroyed by arrack. A large majority of adult males in rural Andhra Pradesh are alcoholics. They are abusive and violent when male-dominated

nen: now society they were sertive able to get away with it for a long time. But no longer. Rural women are at last learning

how to assert themselves." She blamed the state government for ruining village life by selling hard inquor to the poor. Villages might not have electricity, schools, clinics, paved roads or sanitation, but they all had at least one arrack shop.

arrack shop. The anti-liquor movement has no leaders, no political affiliations, no money and no central organisation. It spreads by word of mouth as more and more women summon the courage to confront

their husbands and run liquor stores out of business. Some women are waging a "noncooperation" campaign against drinking husbands by refusing to have sex, cook meals or wash dothes. Drunk men have had their hair cut off by women as they slept.

Arrack has such a grip on

village life that many agricultural labourers receive part of their wages in the form of alcohol. Wife-beating goes on unchecked because women traditionally never leave their husbands whatever the circumstances, unless they be-long to the very lowest castes. A divorced woman is rejected by parents and friends and cannot re-marry within her caste.

anumuri Bapiraju, the state's minister for excise duties, admits that the anti-liquor movement has taken everybody by surprise.
"We never imagined this could happen." he says. "It started off as a very small agitation in better-off coastal areas, and now it is everywhere. I agree that drink is a social evil. But arrack brings the state an annual excise revenue of 8,620 million ru-pees (£193 million). If we have to close down the business

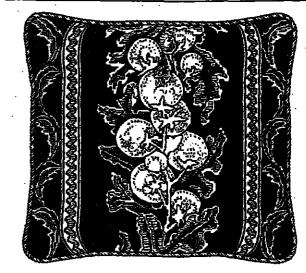
under public pressure we will

have to cut public expenditure and raise taxes." An elderly man called Ramulu, who manages a li-quor store in the village of Abdullah Purmet near Hyderabad, was forced to close his shop nearly three weeks ago when a gang of women burst in and poured his entire stock what is going to happen." he says. "In all my life I have never met women like these."

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

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The charm of this small tapestry cushion lies in its simplicity. The choice of tomatoes for a theme is original and their warm glowing colours look wonderful against the deep navy blue background Indian and flame reds, brick, henna and bronze are mixed with saffron yellow and gold along with a paler buff and cream and such

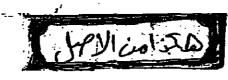
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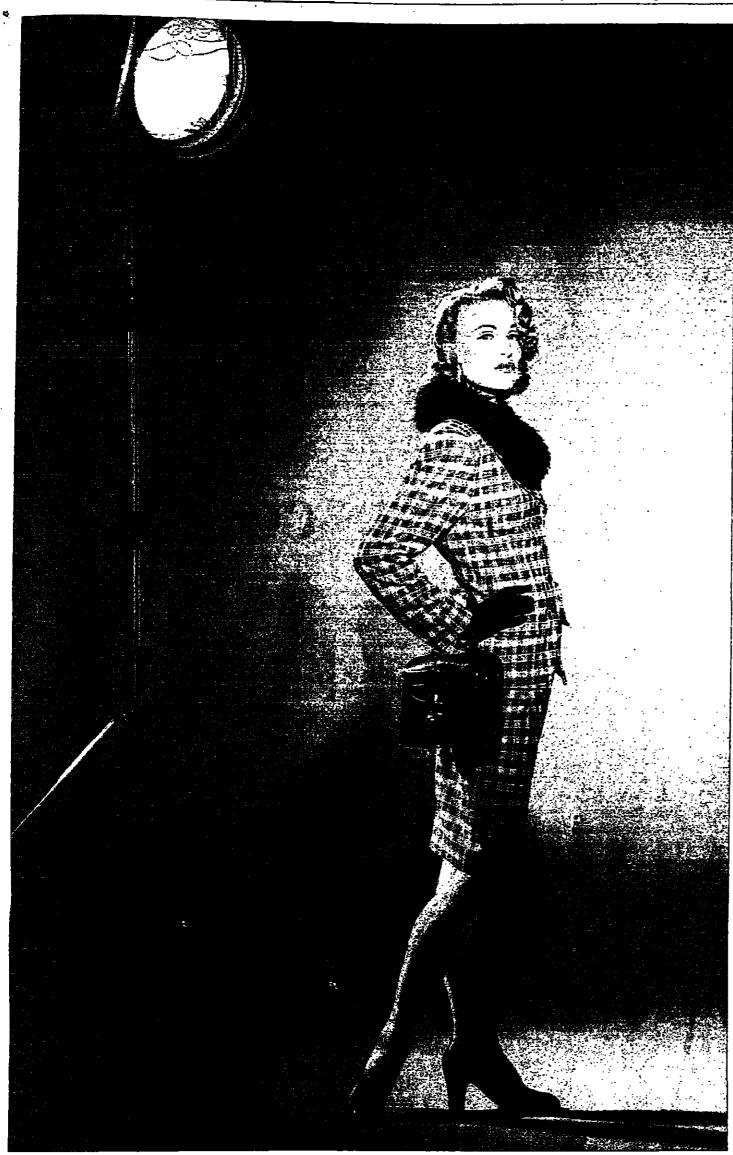
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Classic tiepin looks dandy

The ideal accessory for this season's tailored look is making a comeback

omen are wearing the trousers this suits in classic English style are crying out for sartorial accessories. The 1970s identity bracelet has already been identified as a masculine jewellery trend this season, but more refined tastes might plump for cufflinks and a versatile tiepin or stick pin, which look good worn singly or several at a time, on a lapel or a waistcoat. Small and discreet enough to be politically correct, the dandy's stick pin is making a

Men, too, are returning to a classic, structured look, paying more attention to details and accessories. Hackett, the suc-



'Night", a modern tiepin ed an acceptable way for men in gold, opal and garnet

to introduce fantasy, whimsy and individuality into their wardrobes. An endless variety of tiny emblems, elegant or able, wearable jewels with prices ranging from a few eccentric, animal, vegetable or hundred to several thousand pounds mineral, magical or mun-Mr Joel knew a thing or two dane, can be perched on the

about gems and jewels. The only son of Jack Barnato Joel, top of a simple pin.
This week Christie's is selling a private collection of 19th and 20th-century stick pins put together by the late Jim one of the founders of the South African diamond and gold mining industries, he inherited a fortune and a Joel, the racehorse owner and collector. It is a charming collection of mainly affordpassion for horseracing. This collection of miniature trea-

sures reflects both sides of his life: some are set with fine coloured diamonds, yellow, orange or even black, while others tell the tale of the turf through tiny models of horses in mid-race, their enamelled jockeys wearing Mr Joel's colours. There is a huge choice of animals, all finely modelled and studded with diamonds. These traditional, low-key

ornaments, which were popular in the late 18th century and then again with Edwardian dandies, became casualties of the sportswear boom and the unstructured Miami Vice look. But the Italians have been sporting lapel pins for several seasons now, and Jeremy Hackett, the owner of Hackett, says: "The recent return to a more traditional style in menswear has led to today's man paying far more attention to details such as ties, cufflinks, and tiepins."

VIVIENNE BECKER ● Jewellery and Tiepins, the auction of Jim Joel's collection of tiepins, starts at 1 I am on Wednes day at Christie's, 8 King Street.

HOTLINE

Designed for a royal courtship CHRISTIE'S South Kensington is hold-

ing an auction of important costumes and textiles on November 17. Included in the sale will be a dress owned by Wallis Simpson before she became the Duchess of Windsor. This is the first time any of her clothes have been offered for auction. and it is estimated to sell for £1000 to \$1500. The dress made of blue silk - her favourite colour - was designed in 1933 by Jeanne Lanvin. Mrs Simpson wore it

during her courtship with the Prince of Wales and eventually gave it to her maid. who then gave it to the cook Florence Mann whose daughter is now selling the

Golden opportunity VICTOR Edelstein, the couturier, is to

hold a charity fashion show in aid of Age Concern's Golden Years Appeal which needs to raise £10million.

Last year, after nine years devoted to haute countre, the designer, whose clients include the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Kent, relaunched a ready-towear line to complement his couture

The show takes place tomorrow at

Garrard, 112 Regent Street, W1. Details from Age Concern, 081-679 8000.

Something to moon over

INDIANS once believed that pearls originated from celestial water droplets and in the Far East they were said to be nourished by the moonlight. In heraldry pearl symbolised grace and while the western world may no longer believe in their mystical powers, these gems continue to fascinate.

Garrard, the crown jewellers, is holding an exhibition. The Pearl, the Queen Amongst Jewels, from November 23 to December 5 at 112 Regent Street, W1.

SARAH NEWTON

A sprinkling of stardust

is a hotly debated subject Sociologists would have us believe that, as a phenomenon centred on change, fashion is the perfect parometer of shifting sands, a reflection of bigger

They lecture about the way in which monumental world events are translated by designers into a new skirt length, a different colourway, tabrication or nithouette. They write reams about how the dramatic about-turns designers sometimes make are

linked to voiatile money markets, environmental concern or sexual politics. Looking back, it is

easy to see Christian Dior's exaggerated New Look, for instance, unveiled in February 1947 to a mixed chorus of superlatives and shocked indignation, as signilying a rejection of the dull years of wearing government-rationed anonymous clothes. More recently, we

can see the taste of Norman Schwarzkopf and the Gulf heroes in a collection by Raiph Lauren, who sent giris on to the catwalk in snappy military-style uniforms complete with gold braid and Fashion is no doubt

affected by world events, but its detractors prefer to discuss it as nothing more than a market place for ideas. a shop window which must keep moving the merchandise for the sake of sales and sales alone.

Whatever your view, it is curious to see a trend emerge which could well be seen as a landmark look, sociologically speaking. Described by fashion pundits the globe over as a "take" on the 1940s, the resurgence of neat tailored suits, longer skirts and clumpy platform shoes with chunky heels, and a renewed interest in exquisitely styled hair, studied make-up and polite accessorising (hat, handbag and gloves) definitely mirror the mood of the Utility era

What should we make of this? Does the reappearance of 1940s style in the 1990s tell us something about the times in which we live?

with exacting likeness.

Amy de la Haye, the curator responsible for the 20th-century dress collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum, thinks not, "You have to be very careful when talking like that," she says.

What then makes women want to dress like their mothers and grandmothers? "There is no longer such a linear development in fashion," says Ms de la Haye. She thinks that how women dress today is determined by their own wnims and fancy. There are a whole

series of looks from which women can choose. The 1940s look is certainly evident, especially in hair and make-up, but I think maybe this has more to do with the death of Marlene Dietrich than anything Dietrich, as well as other screen sirens of Hollywood's golden era. provides a great wealth of stylistic metaphors for today's image-Perhaps it is an innocent desire

stockings and tights apply named "Nylons" — a picture of Rita Hayworth accompanies the slogan. The glamour of yesterday, the fit of today"

Such advertising relies on images gleaned from films which were themselves fantasies of everyday

When, for instance. Greer Garson played Mrs Miniver in 1942, she managed to weather the war, keep her family's spirits high. and fight off Germans in her own back garden with her make-up never looking less than

perfect. Three years later. Joan Crawford was equally harassed as Mildred Pierce, in the film of the same name, and equally immaculate throughout. Both stars won Oscars for their performances, and also the hearts and mimicking adulation of fans the world

These actresses were copied with excited enthusiasm by women who had never heard Schiaparelli, Molyneux, Jacques Fath or, indeed, Dior. For them the only designers' names were those which appeared on the credits at the end of their favourite films. Edith Head and Adrian shaped the

wardrobes of women throughbeyond by dressing the stars, reaching an audience greater than any fashion designer although technically neither of them was ever a fashion designer at all. 'You have to remember Edith Head and Adrian were costume designers," Ms de la Haye says. "Their impact was at the lower end of

times a week. The cinema was much more important then." So, in a way that only fashion can, today's designers, photographers, and stylists are looking back. imitating a style which itself was a fantasy, reworking an old idea for a new audience, with little thought of political or social overtones. It is

the market, the women who

went to the cinema two or three

simply an image which looks right. Ms de la Haye's argument is supported by flicking through any fashion magazine, even reading these pages, for next to the pictures of 1940s-inspired fashions you find Edwardian cavaliers, funky 1970s rock chicks, or pretty paupers. These images co-exist at the same time, on the same planet, and even sometimes on the same catwalk.

Recycling glamour: Marlene Dietrich's death has inspired nostalgia, while a young Rita

Hayworth sells stockings for this kind of glamour and nothing else which has top fashion photographers like Steven Meisel and Patrick Demarchelier manipu-

lating supermodels Linda Evangelista Christy Turlington and Magali Amadei amongst others, into the roles of latterday evebrow-perfect movie queens. In an advertisement for hosiery company Pretty Polly's latest line -

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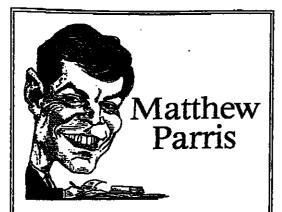


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■ The panel on Any Questions? had a guilty secret — four of them in fact...

I ension was written across the faces of the government front bench at the ten o'clock vote last Wednesday night. The PM's right-hand man, Tristan Garel-Jones, minister of state in the Foreign Office, looked exhausted. Virginia Bottomley, health secretary. seemed resigned — wondering, perhaps, if she would shortly be rejoining her husband, Peter, on

The prime minister himself appeared almost unnervingly calm, a tight smile at the

corner of his mouth.

I looked down from the press gallery, some 20 yards away, trying not to catch anyone's eye. I

was remembering another time...
Spring 1986. These were my last weeks in Parliament, for I had decided to leave, but had accepted an invitation from Robert Cranborne and his wife Hannah to spend the weekend in Dorset. Robert, a Cecil with a courtesy title of Lord Cranborne, was a Dorset MP. His father, Lord Salisbury, is alive, so Robert was not eligible for the Upper House.

Though the surroundings at Cranborne were grand the company was relaxed. Hannah kept a pet cockatiel free-range at Cranborne Lodge. Something about my hair appealed to it. Have you ever tried expatiating earnestly at dinner on the state of the economy with a bird

sitting on your head? I was not the only guest. Two others (also elected in '79) were also youngish MPs; one of them a government whip, the other a junior minister in the DHSS. And there was a woman MP returned in a recent by election and still a backbencher, though PPS to Chris Patten. The team travelled down to Dorset on a Friday.

say "the team"; for we sang for our supper. The weekend started with an "Any Questions?" for Robert's local Conservative workers, held in the village hall at a small place called Wool. Robert drove us there on Friday night in his Range Rover. We were late. It was lucky that the road-safety minister, married to the lady in our team, was absent. He was to join us later.

To keep our spirits up on the perilous journey to Wool, somebody proposed a game for our secret entertainment during the Any Questions? which Robert was to chair. At first it was a joke, but it sounded such fun that in the end we all dared one another to go ahead. The idea was that each of us would be allocated one "silly fact", the challenge being to introduce the fact into our Any Questions? reply. This was to be done deadpan and inconspicuously. Wool was to suspect nothing.

The silly facts were these: (1) Anne Boleyn had six fingers on one hand; (2) 18 per cent of the British public regularly share a bath; (3) frogs eat with their eyes shut; (4) Upper Volta had been renamed Burkina Faso, "the land of wise

By the time we filed in, to applause, and sat down at a table on the podium, the whip was already having trouble keeping a straight face.

The first question, "What does the panel think of women's lib", was from a lady in the audience and given to me for reply. I went straight over the wire. Unlike some countries, I said — Upper Volta, for example, which had just renamed itself Burkina Faso, or "country of wise men" — we in Britain did admit the existence of wise women . . . The whip's shoulders

began to heave. The lady MP came next. Asked her opinion on the safety of nuclear power, she said she distrusted the doomsday theorists who predicted we should all end up with horrifying deformities — or six fingers, like Anne Boleyn.
The whip's eyes were watering. Members of the audience remarked afterwards on the strange levity of the panel that night.

I think it was the DHSS minister who came next, with frogs shutting their eyes when eating as his challenge. So seamlessly did he bring this fact into his answer - there was a sort of bland quality (I will not call it grey) to this man's style

 that I can remember neither question nor reply. I remember only that the whip appeared to be choking. When his turn came he was barely able to speak. He says he dared not bring the bathing habits of Britons into his reply or he would simply have cracked up. We accepted this. But we placed a white feather (from the tail of the free-range cockattel) on his plate at breakfast next morning.

By then the road-safety minister had joined us. We explained the feather to him. He was sorry to have missed the fun.

ome days later, the same minister was at the dispatch box answering a question. The date was Monday, May 19 1986. I have the Hansard before me as I write: column ten. Alf Dubs (Lab. Battersea) complained that the bus lane in Park Lane was clogged . . .

Mr Bottomley: I have been down Park Lane on a bus. I took a sandwich. It was unfinished when I reached the other end. Unlike frogs, which eat with their eyes closed. I had mine open. Neither the bus nor other traffic was held up.

In the two next questions Mr Bottomley wondered, with the wise men of Burkina Faso, why his department had taken powers over bus lanes. To Labour's Tony Banks, who quoted statistics. Bottomley despaired of figures such as the number of fingers Anne Boleyn possessed, or the percentage of the population sharing a bath - and proposed that we examine

problems case by case.
The whip, dared by the DHSS junior minister to tell Mrs Thatcher about Bottomley's amazing tour de force, hesitated (the prime minister was not a fan of Bottomley's) but did so. "It's the only good thing I've ever heard about

him." she replied. Robert Cranborne wasn't there last Wednesday. He's a minister in the Lords now, moved there during his father's lifetime by a "writ of acceleration". Garel-Jones and Bottomley (Mrs V) seem to prosper. Major hasn't done

As for Bottomley (Mr P) and me, we catch each other's eye from time to time, and try not to giggle. He and I realise that it would be easy to be pompous about this story, and we can think of newspaper columns capable of feigning shock Let them. Let them eat frogs in the bath with sixfingered wise men from Upper Volta.

The treaty to be signed by Boris Yeltsin in London today can aid his survival, says Anne McElvoy

In 1766, Prince Galitsin representing his Imperial Majesty of all the Russias and Lord Macartney for the British Crown signed a treaty of amity in St Petersburg. It promised "a true, sincere, firm and perfect peace, friendship and good understanding which shall last for ever. The contraction postiles aggreed to receive ing parties agreed to receive visiting merchants with fa-voured-nation courtesies, not to press-gang any of the other side's shipwrecked sailors into their own service, and, with a cautious eye to the future, that, "If — what God Forbid! the peace whould come to be broke ... persons, ships and commodities shall be allowed the space of a year to retire wherever they

This makes pleasantly direct reading compared with the impenetrable accumulations of tortured subclauses in the average international treaty today. It must be hoped that its elegant mixture of lofty goals and downto-earth clauses has inspired the civil servants charged with drawing up the Anglo-Russian Friendship Treaty which John Major will sign with Boris

Yeltsin today.
This is the first comprehensive agreement between the two

A Russian friend in need

countries since the official outbreak of amities 226 years ago, and has much more than piquant historical significance. For the Russian leader's visit comes at a time when his country's future hangs in the balance and its democratic forces need all the help they can get to prevent reforms being rammed into reverse gear.

Mr Yelisin is facing the disputatious Congress of People's Deputies at the beginning of next month with hardliners determined to ensure that the emergency powers granted to him a year ago are not renewed. To head off this challenge, he has been forced into a preemptive agreement with his most powerful opponents, the industrialist dominated Civic Union. In return for delivering him a majority in Congress, the Union is demanding the heads of several radical ministers, cabinet posts for its own centreright members, and a statefunded programme of investment and credits to indus-

try to stave off widespread

collapse of uncompetitive enterprises and vast unemployment. There are risks of hyperinflation and a dangerous resus-citation of the military-industrial complex if Civic Union gains influence. But Mr Yelisin now appears to have no option beyond a pact with the minor devils of the Union to keep at bay the howling Beelze-bubs of the far right and left who have joined in an alliance aimed at his downfall.

This sort of manoeuvre has been greeted with scepticism by Western governments, which prefer their reformers unsullied by contacts with the "centre" admittedly a particularly dubi-ous arena in Russia. But it is the best we are likely to get, and in these two days Britain has the first opportunity of any Western nation to hear out Mr Yeltsin on how he intends to accommodate the interventionism favoured by Civic Union within the frame work of reform.

last week Mr Yeltsin emphasised his interest in closening personal ties with Mr

Major, partly out of grantude for the latter's rare display of acumen in being the first West-ern leader to telephone him offering support after the coup, partly because he is anxious to build up some "special relation-ships" of his own. He also sees the visit to London as a means of restimulating the West's sag-ging interest in Russia in a year notable for the isolationism of the world's industrial nations.

British officials have been guilty of talking down our importance for Russia, pointing out that our own economic woes and the tight purse strings on which the successful Know-How Fund is kept makes us a relatively unimportant partner for Moscow. The old prejudice that the only purpose of a large Russian delegation visiting London was to spy on us has been replaced by a new one, that they are only here for money. Yet the enthusiasm in the Yeltsin camp for the visit belies this cynicism. Mr Yeltsin is anxious to capitalise on our

status as the sponsor of Russia's

IMF membership to persuade London to help stabilise the phinging rouble, but he also wants to garner fresh support from democratic countries for his attempt to drag Russia into their tradition. In this respect Britzin, with its strong partiamentary history, is as important to him as Germany or Italy, who have made greater financial commitment.

We cannot say that we have not been warned of the dangers to Russia's fledgling democracy. The 20,000 people who demon-strated outside the Kremlin at the weekend carrying pictures of Stalin were a strange mixture of desperately poor pensioners venting their spleen at the unaffordability of much in the restocked shops, middle-aged functionaries whose nests have been de-feathered; and young nationalists blaming the reformers for selling out Russia to the West — the sort of bright desperate mixture that can ignize a revolution. It was a disturbing reincarnation of what an observer of Cathetine

the Great's court described as 🛷 "the Russian burt (mob), merci-less and without sense".

The forces of chaos are nothing new to Russian history and they are a real threat in these dispiriting winter days. As little as Mr Yeksin would care to be reminded of it, there are growreminded of it. there are growing similarities between his plight and that of Mikhail Gorbachev during his tenure in the Krembin. Both emjoyed initial enthusiasm followed by stail enthusiasm followed by searing disappointment lest as the last Soviet leader, battling to impose perestroka on a hostile party, was greeted with resemble manuaurings about the benefits of the status quo. Mr Yelsin finds enthusiasm for more handlength party and the status of the status of the status of the status and the more handlength party and the status of the status o damental restructuring of polisical and economic life full as it encounters the willen

resistance of the bureaucrass. On Moscow's Arbai shop-ping street there is still a brisk trade in matroushka dolls in which Lenin disgorges a smaller Stalin, Stalin a smaller Khrusinches and so on until Gorbachev cedes to Yelssin. Whether they are soon forced to recum-mission the smallest doll along much ugher lines depends sub-stantially on the West making amily a matter of deed as well as

When continents collide

Little boats setting out from the African coast by night are harbingers of a cataclysm to come, predicts Bernard Levin

x Africa semper aliquid novi. But Pliny didn't know the half of it. Only a few months ago, I wrote a Jeremiad about the world's poor and their awakening to their power to awakening to their power we change their condition. I speculated about what they might do to bring about that change, and I laid out a somewhat fleshcreeping potential scenario that might fill Act Two. By way of Illustration. I imagined a Drang nach Western in the former Soviet Union, by people . . .

... who (perhaps by leader-ship from charismatic figures, perhaps by population pressure on resources) decide to make a substantial claim on Western prosperity. The population is something like 280 million: suppose a tenth of those begin to move purposefully westwards: what precisely would or could the world do? Well, what did the world do when Genghis Khan well as it could ...

Wait the world is going round faster than it used to. In the same article I wrote this:

Think of a Russian, free from communism but by no means free from poverty and hunger. Think of an Indian, facing many more generations before his country can house his people, even very badly. Think of Africa; no, don't, the idea has not taken root there, but it will in time . . .

Oh, indeed, the world is going round faster than even I believed. For when I said of Africa that the idea of mass migration had not taken root there, but that it would in time, I was thinking of something like a century, or at least decades. That root was growing faster than any magic mushroom; for that century, those decades. have turned into weeks.

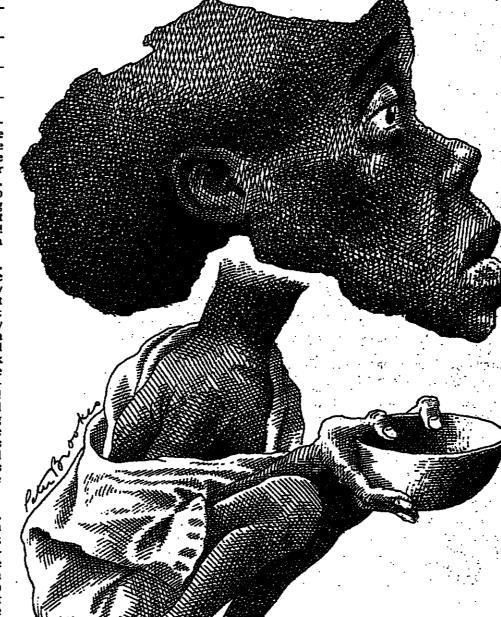
How wide are the Straits of Gibraltar? What is the gap between Europe and Africa? Ten miles? Shucks: what are ten miles between continents? Nightly, now, men and women are measuring the space; they board little boats and chug away from the Moroccan coastline, steering through sometimes very rough seas, desperate when they momentarily lose sight of the lighthouse on the Spanish coast which is their lodestar. Pull for the shore, sailor, and if it helps to keep your spirits up, try reciting Shakespeare: "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

The goodness of the deed is. alas, highly qualified. In the first place, those who supply and steer the boats are not doing so without payment: these wetbacks are frequently staking their last resources for a place in the boat. In the second place, the boats sometimes sink in the heavy weather that can be abruptly summoned by Neptune in the straits; more and more bodies are being washed up, which is hardly surprising because in the third place the swim the last couple of hundred yards -- if they beach their boats they may be caught by the Spanish coastguards.

et us, before I continue, play a game with an atlas. Open it at Africa; ignore everything below the bulge, and concentrate on what lies above a line drawn from Liberia in the west to Djibouti in the east. Difficult though it may be to believe, the atlas proves it true: in that space, the whole of the United States of America and the whole of Europe, put together, could be comfortably accommodated. Desert or no desert, there are a lot of people in that area; most of them are very poor indeed, and a very large number are op-pressed as well. Their rulers even the less tyrannical - have no idea what to do, and almost all of them are corrupt. We have read of - some of us have even seen - the hunger in the Horn, a hunger which may yet turn into a starvation not seen for

It is simply not credible that the hundreds of millions of

centuries.



desperately poor Africans are willing to remain desperately poor, and the nightly traffic from the coast of Morocco to the coast of Spain demonstrates that they are not. But however full the Moroccan beaches are, they account for perhaps one in several hundred million Africans. Palliatives, such as the Spanish decision to demand

visas, are meaningless; what has great meaning, though, is that the Africans who are now arriving — how, no matter — and fetching up not only in Spain but in the whole of the Mediterranean littoral, are no longer from North Africa alone, but from sub-Saharan lands as well. So far it is a trickle. When will it be a flood? I do not know,

but it will be sooner than anyone now thinks possible. Friends of mine very recently visited St Petersburg, and were appalled not only by the poverty and the lack of any sign that it might be alleviated, but also by the manifest death of hope. In

my earlier article, I postulated a

tide of bitterly poor moujiks flowing purposefully towards

the riches of the West, but I did not really believe it would hap-pen. Now I am not so sure, but of one thing I am quite certain: if it happens, beginning say in the former Soviet Union, it will immediately be followed else-where, and in a very short time this Earth will experience cataciysmic upheavals never equalled since many millions ago, when the Earth itself was groaning in the travail of making itself.

What must we do? What can we do? It is far too late for promises, even for promises carried out. After all, the billions upon billions of money the Third World has had from the developed world were real, and although we most share the blame of the wasting and thieving (did you know that "Presi-dent" Mobotu every week has a very expensive hairdresser flown, first class, from Los Angeles to the "presidential" yacht?), we really did try to help.

when so illuminating a snapshot of dread-fulness can be recorded by Stanley Meisler in The Los Angeles Times, as republished in the Herald Tribune? Mr Meisler was talking to a United ly famine in Somalia, and the official said, referring to the gangs and their leaders who prey on the food convoys and sell the contents to anyone who can afford the prices, "Not only are they from the same tribe, not only do they speak the same language and have the same ethnicity, there is not one single shred of difference between them ideologically. They are only interested in power, and it cannot be shared.

Well, what did the world do when Genghis Khan was on the move? The kind of border controls with which we are familiar will be meaningless; indeed, practically everything we regard as normal will be meaningless. We can, of course. dismiss such a dark future as nothing but bad fiction, but I can see no reason why what I am describing cannot happen. and I can see many reasons why it might. I rather think that, even in my lifetime, the ozone layer and global warming will cease to disturb us, because we shall have something a great deal more disturbing to cope

Beating about the Bush

THE BUSH telegraph at Bush House is working overtime as speculation mounts about who will replace John Tusa as managing director of the BBC's World Service at the end of the year. The deadline for applica-tions is today and already the smart money is on Baroness (Lynda) Chalker.

The minister for overseas development is well-liked in the imposing Aldwych building and her credentials are excellent. Apart from her extensive knowledge of foreign politics, many at the BBC believe she would be in a good position to guard Bush House's annual grant from the government. But her appointment would strengthen the claims of those keen to portray the World Service as a mouthpiece of Whitehall. Whether she would consider accepting the job is

One brown envelope which has landed on the Bush House mat contains the CV of William Shawcross, at present on tour in Australia promoting his book on Rupert Murdoch. Although a popular choice with the troops, he is unlikely to be the

first choice of the generals. John Simpson has, to the sorrow of some at Bush House, ruled himself out. The remaining serious contenders are believed to include Jenny Abramsky, editor of BBC radio news and current affairs. Patricia Hodeson, head of the corporation's planning and policy unit, and Tony Hall, director of BBC news and current affairs. All would have to convince the interview panel of their ability to stand up to the Foreign Office in future wrangles. There is speculation that Peter Jay, the BBC's economics editor and former aide to Robert Maxwell, is in the running, to the horror of some at the World Service. But their main criticism is that the BBC has left recruiting

be left holding the fort well into the new year. Spy story

EMBARRASSMENT and the government may soon replace cup and saucer as the favourite word association of psychologists. The latest predicament to leave Tory MPs cringing in corners is the allegation by John Patten that the Conservative Central Office research depart-

Tusa's successor to the last minute. It is likely that his able deputy. David Witherow, will



ment has been employing a Liberal Democrat spy. The astonishing claim was made during an angry exchange in the Commons. Patten, who was compromised by a leaked report which branded him a vote-loser in university towns, has described the man who wrote it, Guy Rowlands, as "sleeper" for the Liberals. If this is true it holds interest-

ing implications for Andrew Lansley, the director of Central Office's research department, who not only employed Row-lands but entrusted him with key tasks during the election. Rowlands acted as one of the runners during the early morning strategy sessions attended. by John Major and Chris

Rowlands, who says his membership of the Tory party has lapsed, laughs off the Lib Dem spy charge. As for his relationship with Lansley: "We always

got on very well. He was always happy with my work," he says. Bombs away JACK Watling, now appearing

in Our Song at the Apollo The-atre, has succumbed to a bout of nostalgia. Watling, who plays Peter O'Toole's long-suffering business partner, last trod the boards at the Shaftesbury Avenue theatre in 1942 when he scored a critical success in Terence Rattigan's Flare Path. But not everyone in the audience en-joyed his performance as an air-man who is scared of dying.

"My dressing room door

burst open and in strode Bomber Harris," recalls Watling. "He barked at me. Disgraceful. It is disgraceful showing fear in front of the enemy." Despite the dressing down, Watting, who was in the RAF for four years and who appeared in a number of propaganda films,

remains a fan of Bomber Harris. "He did his job and it was quite right that they unveiled a statue to him," he says.

• Derek Walcott, this years Nobel literature laureate, is to be further honoured by Sweden. He is to feature on a five-krona stamp later this month. The excitement of winning the Nobel prize left Walcott too exhausted to travel to London for the Poetry International festival. One trusts the effects of appearing on the stamp will not be simi-larly debilitating.

God's left hand

DENNIS SKINNER is known for many things, but regular church attendance is not one of them. This has not deterred him from making his debut in the pulpit. Skinner was recently in-vited to preach at Shirebrook parish church in his Derbyshire constituency. With standing room only, the Beast of Bolsover ignored advice about the folly of preaching politics from the pul-pit. He compared David and Goliath to the miners' struggle with the government. John Major he likened to Pontius Pilate and Arthur Scargill had a bit

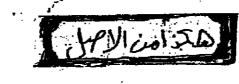
part as the Prodigal Son. At the end of the sermon the congregation of 1,300 rose to

clap and cheer. "It was a very moving experience," says the doughty Skinner. Indeed, such was his success that a tape of his address is being considered for a training manual for vicars.

■ A novel initiative from British Rail. Network SouthEast is writing to customers apologising for poor service before they have a chance to complain.



The network has combed its files for passengers who have complained in the past and, in an attempt to fend off future angry missives, has written grovelling letters pointing out that the annual leaf-fall problem has become increasing severe over the past few years. It still offers no solution, of course.





CHAMPION FOR INDUSTRY

The CBI should not be afraid of ambition

At a time when the government's most visible economic policy is to sway in the wind of political events. Britain's business leaders nave both an opportunity and an obligation to offer the economic leadership that is not coming from Whitehall. The Confederation of British Industry has shown welcome signs of seizing that chance this year - a trend extended by statements at the CBI annual conference which began at Harrogate yesterday.

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The CBI's relationship with government has changed markedly over the years. During the failed experiments with tripartite policies in the seventies, the CBI and government became too enmeshed for the real benefit of either. In the early 1980s, when Sir Terence Beckett called for a 'bareknuckle fight" against Mrs Thatcher's policies, his members showed more loyalty to the government than to their club.

Since then, the CBI has been too often reduced to half-hearted Budget pleading for small fiscal concessions, alternating with half-hearted cheerleading for the Conservatives in pre-election periods. Under its new Director General, Howard Davies, the CBI has shown it can wield wider influence both on the open stage and behind the scenes. It needs now to be bolder still

The CBI's central objective, as laid out in its new policy document, "Making it in Britain", is to rebuild a world-class manufacturing sector as the main engine of growth in the British economy. To do this, the CBI offers more than 30 specific recommendations, directed at government, the City and industry itself. The diagnosis is correct: Britain needs a bigger manufacturing sector, both to improve the balance of payments and to achieve the rapid productivity growth on which long-term growth prospects will depend. But no prescription will be enough unless the cures are taken.

Many of the most important proposals depend on action by corporate manage-

ments, and a test of the CBI's seriousness will be the pressure it applies to its own members. The CBI suggests, for example, that companies should "communicate the excitement and rewards of a career in manufacturing". But such communication will achieve little until the real rewards and promotion prospects for engineers and production managers are improved. The CBI calls on the City to develop "more responsive" financial packages for small companies and to stop pressing for "excessive dividends"; but the financial institutions, many of them CBI members, show

few signs of complying.
In its proposed new relationship with government, the CBI faces an even greater test. Most of its specific proposals - for better investment incentives, more export credits and competitive electricity tariffs are reasonable. The danger is that this detailed approach will degenerate, as it has

in the past, to mere special pleading. Government's main role must not be to help individual companies or sectors, but to create a climate in which manufacturing can prosper by its own efforts. In this crucial area, the CBI won little credit by supporting the government's ERM membership at an overvalued exchange rate - a policy wholly

inimical to manufacturing.

The CBI has since called for the Department of Trade and Industry to become a "champion for UK industry in Whitehall". But yesterday on television Michael Heseltine said that decisions on interest rates, taxation and public spending were taken solely by the Treasury. If this is the kind of "champion for UK industry in Whitehall" the CBI is looking for, the steady decline of British industry will continue. The CBI must press for a more open budget process and an end to Treasury. Industrialists must sharpen their demands and not be afraid of ambition.

PRAGUE AUTUMN

Dubcek's democratic socialism has passed its sell-by date

Mr Alexander Dubcek who died at the weekend will be mourned not only by the Czechs and the Slovaks. A whole political generation was charmed by the attractive but flawed idea that state socialism could

have a human face. The dissidents of Poland, Hungary and Russia — many of whom are now in or close to government - drew inspiration from Mr Dubcek's Prague Spring of 1967-1968. So too did the students of the West, among them the Rhodes Scholar Bill Clinton. These many and varied children of Mr Dubcek should use the sad occasion of his death to remember the pitfalls of the reform socialism that seemed so beguiling 25 years ago.

Mr Dubcek's ambition was to find a way of preserving socialist rule while admitting a decent measure of democracy. He also wanted to introduce more market elements in the socialist economy, to find a third path between capitalism and communism. The tanks of the Warsaw Pact crushed the experiment in August 1968 before it could be tested. But had Mr Dubcek survived on his own terms, the experiment would surely have failed anyway. As the Polish philosopher Leszek Kolakowski has put it, democratic socialism is as feasible as a fried snowball. And there is no satisfactory middle course between the market and Marx. Mr Dubcek's achievement was to whip up vouthful enthusiasm for changing a system that was already emotionally bankrupt; in doing so he displayed a magician's touch. But he contributed little of lasting intellectual value: reform socialism was just another way of saddling the cow, of making an alien ideology acceptable to the governed.

Mr Dubcek's children must not now chase the old, shattered dream. Eastern Europe is stuck in a recession far deeper than that of the West. To some it seems as if the region may be on the brink of revolting against the market. A number of the new democratic governments are being tempted to edge backwards, away from shock therapy capitalism into a form of benign socialism. In Romania and Bulgaria market reform is in retreat. In Russia so-called "centrist" opponents to president Boris Yeltsin are talking of a softer road to the market. The prospects being offered to these countries by the West are not sufficient to cancel out the advanced central European states can expect membership of the European Community only in a decade. There is thus a risk that reform socialists of a Dubcekian hue will gain the upper hand and turn the clock back. The West must discourage such a regression.

The country closest to embracing a reform socialist programme is probably Mr Dubcek's Slovakia. Mr Meciar, the Slovak orime minister has been justifying his charge for independence to gain more control over economic policy by echoing some of the early speeches made by Mr Dubcek. It would be sad indeed if Mr Dubcek's wellmeaning dream of the 1960s was used to bolster the nationalist policies of the 1990s.

THE SHARING OF EVIDENCE

More debate is needed on disclosure rules in criminal trials

Recent miscarriages of justice have brought with them disturbing accounts of suppressed, manipulated, even falsified evidence by the police and prosecution service. The nadir was reached when the Court of Appeal in the Judith Ward case criticised prosecutors and police for failing to disclose to the defence evidence that indicated Miss Ward's innocence. The appeal judges' statement that "our law does not tolerate a conviction to be secured by ambush" was unprecedented in its open censure.

From that point it was inevitable that explicit changes would be made in the way that evidence was made available in criminal cases. In August the Director of Public Prosecutions. Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, issued guidelines for more rigorous enforcement of the statutory requirement that all relevant evidence be revealed to the defence. The DPP advised specifically that the police were to "err on the side of caution"; that they were always to reveal anything that could be

construed as helpful to the defendant. The picture in the media of police and prosecution conspiring to win at any cost was never a fair one. The notion of the accuser giving any help at all to the accused would have amazed earlier generations. There has been an explicit injunction for the prosecution to make any pertinent evidence

available to the defence only since 1951. Before that, anything discovered by the police during their investigations that did not point to a guilty verdict could be discreetly disregarded. Since there was no legal obligation for the police to offer their findings to the defence, the question of suppression did not even arise. The prosecution side could simply pursue selectively

whatever evidence was helpful to it.

In theory, it was up to the defence counsel to marshal its own equally selective case. The idea that the combined forces of the crown prosecution and the police might have an unfair advantage in this contest seemed scarcely to be a matter for concern. In the public mind, the police were on the angels' side. Any practice that helped them in the tireless war against crime was acceptable.

Now, however, the police have been shown abusing this trust in a number of well-publicised cases. The modern fashion is for stressing the rights of the accused. The enforcers of law and order are under relentless scrutiny and desperately in need of an improved public image. Hence, their ambivalence about the edict on disclosure of evidence. On the one hand, they are alarmed by the officious requirement to log their every action, and they argue that handing over all relevant matter might compromise police intelligence work. On the other, openness is in their interests when it comes to restoring public confidence.

So they are suggesting a radical new concept, in which prosecution and defending counsel would share what evidence is available in a mutual search for truth. This sounds an admirable idea: the responsibility for open and honest dealing would fall equally on all sides, and justice would, it is hoped, be the winner.

This notion, however, runs deeply counter to our tradition of adversarial justice, which Britons have long assumed to be the best protector of the innocent. It may be the right answer but its genesis, in a war of public relations and competing fashions, suggests that further thought is needed.

Women priests

and Synod vote From Baroness David and others

Sir. We write to express our most sincere hope that the vote in the General Synod on November 11 will finally settle the long drawn-out controversy over women priests, and that women will be able to take their place as full members of the priest-

hood (letters. November 5).

To spend still more time and resources on this issue must convey to the world at large a curious message of the Church's priorities. The world, in widespread confusion and distress. urgently needs the mission of the Church, but that mission is limited and handicapped by the exclusion of women from the ministry.

We know that many women of diverse gifts desire only the opportunity to serve the Church and the world in the priesthood. To deny them this opportunity is to deny to the rest of us the help that they could bring.

Yours faithfully, DAVID,
ELLIOTT of HARWOOD,
HILTON of EGGARDON
PATRICIA HOLLIS, LLEWELYN-DAVIES of HASTOE. LOCKWOOD. MALLALIEU, PLATT of WRITTLE. SEEAR. SHARPLES. MARY WARNOCK,

House of Lords.

November 5.

From the Reverend Donald Reeves

Sir. The Reverend Christopher Jones (letter. November 5) is right in saying that a "no" vote will plunge the Church into confusion. The English are traditionally pragmatic about their religion: we are accustomed to women deacons wearing clerical collars, officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as matins and evensong. The theological arguments against the ordination of women only persuade a small minority, as the polls have shown. The English are not interested in theology: they are persuaded by what they see and what they have experienced.

If women are not to be ordained to the priesthood, the Church of England will be seen to have become a strange, exclusive sect, neither worthy to be called an established Church nor take its place in the Decade of Evangelism.

Yours etc., DONALD REEVES (Rector, St James's Piccadilly). 197 Piccadilly, W1.

From the Reverend S. J. Davies

Sir. Church of England "traditionalists" (presumably those opposed to the priesting of women) are urged by the Bishop of London to "abandon their politicking and ghetto mentality" (report, November 2). "Politicking" might surely be more appropriately used of the activities of those militantly in favour of women's ordination.

Among these are the meeting in the House of Commons hosted by Virginia Bottomley, supported by Émma Nicholson and others including three bishops to launch "by Church and State together" a pre-vote campaign (report, September 27); the newsletter, Uppity? by Margaret Orr Deas

- "too much prayer and not enough action" — calling for what is virtually strike-action by women church-helpers, if women's ordination is delayed (October 11); the plea from the subdean of Lincoln for "massive support" for any bishop who might, in defiance of a Synod "no" vote on November 11, illegally ordain women to the priesthood (July 31); the threat by the principal of Salisbury and Wells Theological College to resign unless

the vote is "yes" (October 23). From those of us who believe, with respect and support for the ministry of women, that nevertheless a woman can no more become a priest than she can become a father, it would be difficult to find any comparable "politicking".

Yours obediently. S. DAVIES. Peverell Cottage, Doddiscombsleigh, Devon. November 3.

Role of MCC

From Mr Dennis Oliver

Sir. As the co-ordinator calling a spe-cial general meeting of the MCC to express a vote of no confidence in England's cricket selectors, I was aware - as I am sure were all of the 240 signatories - of the MCC's role in English cricket (Mr Raman Subba Row's letter, November 5).

When, however, the selection committee is criticised on all sides, when they are accused of bringing the firstclass game into disrepute and when, too, their very integrity is brought into question, then it is the view of the signatories that it is right that the most prestigious cricket club in the world should advise the Test and County Cricket Board of the views of their members. The money spent on convening the meeting is irrelevant.

Yours faithfully, DENNIS OLIVER. Moffat, Pains Hill. Limpsfield, Surrey. November 5.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

From Mr Michael A. T. Rivington Sir, Mr Subba Row's letter by its apparent tone would appear to confirm a widely-held view amongst my cricketing friends and acquaintances that the TCCB has to take little notice of anyone or anything outside, apart from sponsorship cheques. It is, I understand, accountable only to its members, who benefit financially. This is probably the fault of the way it

was set up and power handed over. His letter also implies that the members of the MCC should not meddle in the affairs of the TCCB by trying to influence the views of the dub's member of the TCCB.

On the surface it would appear to be mighty stupid to convene a special general meeting, but I believe it would give a chance to a number of "Joe MCC Publics" to air an opinion of the workings of the TCCB, of which there is normally little opportunity. This might be an enlightening experience for him.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL A. T. RIVINGTON, The Well House, Brettenham, Ipswich, Suffolk.

November 5.

1002, setting out the revised fees for the submission of planning applications as from January 1, 1993. Notwithstanding the government's

alleged concern about the deepest

recession in the construction industry

in memory, and its determination to

keep inflation between 1 per cent and

per cent. I am at a loss to see how

this 9 per cent rise in planning

application fees should result either in

per cent inflation or stimulate

Is this the government's way of

nipping development aspirations in

the bud?

Yours faithfully

(Chairperson).

consultantsi.

November 3.

old age of 80?

Park Hill Rise.

Croydon, Surrey.

Yours sincerely. SUSAN A. GERGELY.

30 Bracewood Gardens.

YVONNE A. PHILLIPS

1 Hassen Street, Bedford.

From Mrs Susan A. Gergely

Phillips Planning Services Ltd.,

(Town planning and development

Sir. Reducing public expenditure? What about abolishing the weekly

insulting 25p extra pension, of which

I am in receipt since I reached the ripe

are many of them, do not have their

There is one major impediment

mentioned by Sir Christopher with

which I do agree, the educational split

which perpetuates the "two cultures".

Much has been corrected recently

with the national curriculum to age

16. But the resistance to change is in

the 16-19 year age group. The per-petuation of narrow specialisation in

be urgently addressed. We not only

need civilised engineers. We also need

The Royal Academy of Engineering.

Sir, Every engineer learns to consider

effects and causes, to look or listen for

feedback", to take a holistic ap-

proach. This means that "systems

thinking" now peddled as the pana-

cea to management ills comes natu-

rally to engineers, and partly explains

their presence in the upper echelons of

management. Two thirds of top man-

agement in Japan are engineers or

technicians according to a survey pub-

lished in January, but less than one

third in the UK. This may be another

factor contributing to our poor inter-

Management of new materials and

technology is the new competitive

frontier, leaving cost, quality and time

competition in its wake. Engineers are

therefore needed increasingly at

board level, to interpret and teach

technological matters to their col-

leagues in the same way that finance

directors have made money matters

intelligible.

Yours faithfully, JOHN CHELSOM.

City University. Northampton Square, EC1.

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numerate arts graduates.

GEOFFREY ATKINSON.

2 Little Smith Street, SW1.

From Professor J. V. Chelsom

Yours sincerely.

Executive Secretary.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Keeping a grip on public spending

From the Chairman. Association of Metropolitan Authorities

Sir. There has been considerable speculation about government plans to freeze or restrain severely publicsector pay. It is suggested that holding down local-government pay will help reduce council tax bills.

Local government is the largest employer of the public sector. Our settlement this year was 4.1 per cent. This compares favourably with latest CBI data on sentements in the private sector running at 4.2 per cent, and with average earnings increasing at 5.75 per cent and with governmentdetermined increases for teachers at 8 per cent and the police at 6.5 per cent. In the last two years local-govern-

compared with civil service pay of 12.8 per cent. Thus our record in anti-inflationary settlements compares well with the private and public sector. We will play our part in securing realistic pay in local government, but

ment pay has risen by 10.8 per cent.

restraint should not be seen as a punishment for staff. We need a spirit of co-operation not confrontation. Yours faithfully,

JEREMY BEECHAM, Chairman. Association of Metropolitan Authorities. 35 Great Smith Street,

From Mrs Yvonne Phillips

Sir. It is with some dismay that I received my copy of the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applica-

position is also understated in that **Engineering education** those engineers who are chairmen, From the Executive Secretary of the chief executives or directors, and there

Royal Academy of Engineering Sir. While there is much historical truth in what Sir Christopher Cockerell says about Britain's decline in the export league (letter, October 29), and I do not lightly challenge the view of an eminent inventor and designer, I believe that a great deal has changed in recent years and is continuing to do so for the better. It is unfortunate that Sir Christopher's negative message is in danger of working against the very change which he advocates.

In the last decade the genuine quality of many British goods has risen dramatically from the nadir of the 60s and 70s. Many of our manufacturers do compete on world markets, but old images live on and the habit of buying imports persists.

The education of our engineers and scientists was, and to some extent still is, too narrow. But many changes have been introduced since the mid-80s and the broadening out of engineers, by overseas secondments, business training and career development within companies is bringing on more broadly-based engineermanagers of high potential. There is scope for further progress. There are many engineers now in positions of influence, regrettably not often identified as such.

I agree that engineering design education has traditionally been weak. It was for this reason that in 1989 the Royal Academy of Engineering introduced its Visiting Professors in Engineering Design Scheme whereby those involved today in "product realisation" teach tomorrow's engineers the art of success. We now have 50 in 20 universities bringing industrial realism into undergraduate teaching.

The Engineering Council in its recent survey of engineers remuneration showed that engineers pay is improving steadily above the RPI and the average earnings index. The

Sir. So Dame Barbara Cartland

believes employers should recruit men

in preference to women during the

recession in order that men should not

have to "hang around street corners

with nothing to do" (report, Novem-

If children are running wild while

their mothers are at work, as she

contends, then surely these men

Jobs for the boys

From Mrs Carolyn Price

ber 2).

should be at home giving the strength. support and correct amount of discipline all children require or does she believe it is the sole responsibility of women to raise their offspring?

Strange that we never hear of women hanging around street corners with nothing to do when their menfolk are employed.

Yours faithfully.

CAROLYN PRICE. Halfe Moone Cottage. Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.

The test of time

From Mr D. T. Thorne

Sir, In your Scots Law Report (October 29) the case of Stirling v Burtlett, heard by Lord Coulsfield. was of great interest to me as a bygone student of Roman law. The case concerned a boundary

dispute between riparian owners on opposite sides of a stretch of the river Orrin, the course of which had altered. There being no direct authority to which Lord Coulsfield could be directed, he founded his decision upon the principles stated in the Institutes of Justinian (AD 529), aided by the opinion of Justice Brewer in Nebraska v Iowa. 1892.

The principles stated in Justinian's Institutes were culled by his chancellor. Tribonian, from famed jurists reaching back to and beyond the glories of the Augustan age to some unknown time BC. I wonder, Sir. is this a record?

Yours truly, D. T. THORNE, Medenine. Ashampstead Road, Upper Basildon, Berkshire.

Tasks ahead for English Heritage

From the Director of the Museum of London

Sir. The question of the future of English Heritage's guardianship of sites and monuments (report, October 27: letter, November 3) highlights a fundamental problem with the government's thinking on heritage questions. The Department of National Heritage is, in England, charged with responsibility for the built heritage (sites, monuments and buildings) and the portable heritage (in museums and galleries).

Its method of doing so is to give fixed budgets but a great deal of management autonomy to agencies such as English Heritage and museums. Outside this structure are the National Trust, local authority museums and independent museums. Each individual unit makes decisions in its own interests and the sum of these is what passes for policy.

This will not do: every organisation caring for the heritage is currently tempted to off-load bits in order to concentrate on what it perceives to be its core business. If this goes on the totality of our heritage will be diminished.

What we need is the Department of National Heritage to do some real strategic planning for the heritage so that those of us who run parts of it can see exactly what our task is in relation to the whole.

Yours sincerely.
MAX HEBDITCH, Director. Museum of London. London Wall, EC2. November 4

From Mr J. M. Steane

Sir. English Heritage's intention to divide its properties into three categories of importance, and disnose of the buildings and monuments which it regards as least important, inevitably downgrades those which are less likely to generate income. Prehistoric monuments in remote areas are particularly vulnerable to neglect and damage by agriculture.

Local authorities are unfitted in

general to act as guardians of ancient monuments: they do not have the resources, financial or human. They do not employ enough conservation architects nor do they have ancient monuments inspectors on their staffs. There is also no guarantee that private trusts will display either stability or continuity of experience.

English Heritage is already undertaking a major review to extend the scheduling of ancient monuments to many which at present have no statutory protection. There seems an extraordinary confusion of purpose in the present government. With one hand it is extending the lists of monuments which deserve protection, and with the other it is handing over the iob of guardianship to totally unsuitable bodies.

Yours sincerely, JOHN STEANE (County Archaeologist. Oxfordshire, 1976-90). 27 Harpes Road, Summertown, Oxford. November 1.

Keeping warm

From Ms Ann V. Salvage

Sir, In reply to Jeremy Laurance's recent article, "Warm homes no protection" (November 3), I should like to emphasise that, while this institute's research has suggested that there is no straightforward relationship between cold homes and low body temperatures, this does not, as the article makes clear in its final paragraph, in any way counter the argument that cold homes are bad for nealth. Britain continues to have winter/

summer mortality ratios well in excess of those of other countries with comparable climates. Most of the "extra" deaths which occur in winter are of elderly people, but only a riny proportion are attributable to hypothermia. Most are caused by circulatory and

respiratory conditions which can be exacerbated by cold living conditions. The fact that there is a statistically significant relationship between average indoor temperatures and excess winter deaths has been demonstrated by previous research.

It is Britain's high winter/summer death ratio that should concern us. and the fact that many elderly people still face ill-health, and possibly death. in homes whose temperatures fail to reach minimum recommended levels.

Yours faithfully, ANN V. SALVAGE (Research Associate), Age Concern Institute of Gerontology. King's College London. Cornwall House Annexe. Waterloo Road, SE1. November 5.

Rephrasing required

From Mr Anthony Grant Sir. In view of our experiences over

the last few years. I am at a loss to find replacements for those two old standbys: "Safe as houses" and "Safe as the Bank of England."

Yours sincerely.
ANTHONY GRANT. Sonningfield... Ibstone, Buckinghamshire. November 2.

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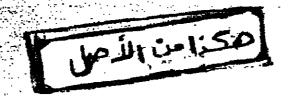
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE wember 8: The Duke of York faid a wreath at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day, His Royal Highness afterwards took the Salute at the March Past of Ex-Servicemen on Horseguards Parade. London SW /.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Tinerton was in attendance. BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 8: The Prince Edward Patron, this evening attended the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain's Annual Ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel. Park Lane, London Wi.

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YORK HOUSE November 8: The Duke and Duchess of Kent attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Stone of Remembrance. Edinburch Cir. Chambers where His Royal Highness laid a wreath. Later Their Royal Hightesses artended a Remembrance Sunday Service in St Giles' Cathedral and were met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Right Hon the Lord

Mrs David Napier and Captain the Hon Tom Coke were in

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the new Joseph E. Hotung Gallery of Oriental Antiquities at the British Museum at 6.20. The Duke of Gloucester, as Trustee of the British Museum, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will also

The Princess Royal will visit Lothian Shopmobility's mobile office at the Mound Precinct at 11.15; will open Scottish Life's new head office complex at Henderson Row. Edinburgh, at 11.45, and, as President of Patrons of Crime Concern, will attend the launch of a drugs education programme at Stirling at 2.00. The Duke of Gloucester will open

Mercery House, the new sheltered housing project of the Mercers' Company, at 384/400 Essex

John Habgood

Christian response to a burning issue

T he approach of Advent prompts the thought that the only direct reference to energy policy in the New Testament is in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. The foolish virgins let their lamps go out by neglecting to secure their longterm oil supplies. It has to be admitted that this is not the primary meaning of the parable. The point of it lies in the exhortation to be watchful in the face of an unknown future, and this is why it is traditionally read in Advent. It also has to be admitted that the teachings of Jesus contain injunctions about not being anxious for the morrow. An over-fussy preparation for the future can be as spiritually dangerous as the neglect of it. Nevertheless the parable may perhaps offer some insights through which to reflect on the moral and spiritual aspects of energy policy. There is a certain practical wisdom underlying many of the parables of Jesus, an awareness of how the world actually works, which is then used by him to point to a deeper awareness of the ways of God.

Given that fossil fuels, like the oil in the parable, must eventually run out, the distinction drawn between prudence and folly has such an obvious application that one is left bemused by political processes which seem to take little account of it. Yet I was once told that the first rule in understanding politics in that things are usually as silly as they seem.

Take gas for instance. One of the great merits of gas as a fuel is that its energy can be released precisely where it is needed, under a saucepan, say, or in a room heater, or in some engineering operation. To burn gas in a power station, turn it into electricity, and then turn the electricity back into heat, is to waste about half of its available energy. By any standards this is

SONG thrushes are singing

again, mainly in the early

morning: they establish their

territories this month, aban-

don them when the weather

becomes severe, and take

them over again, often against

further competition, early in

spring. Blackbirds are feeding

on the ripe berties in haw-

thorn trees, continually quar-

relling with each other and

losing berries to other birds.

Large numbers of fieldfares

are coming in from Scandina-

via. One of these large thrush-

es will often sit at the top of a

tree, making loud cackling cries: when it flies off others

will come up from the fields

and join it, all of them calling.

envelop the countryside. Pale

SCHMIEGELOW On November 5th. peacefully at home. Penelope. beloved wife of fan and mother of Alexandra. Carina and Antonia. Private tamily funetal. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Andrew's Church. Meonstoke, Hampshire on Friday November 20th at 2.30pm.
WISEMAN On November 6th in British Columbia. Peter Gardiner. beloved husband of Norma and dearty loved brother of Bim Williams. 22. South Row. Blackheath. London SE3 ORY.

Misty yellows and oranges

LEGAL NOTICES

Nature notes

BLACKBIRD

yellow maple leaves glow with

a luminous intensity, oak

leaves wither from the edges.

Guelder roses are like red

columns, with their leaves

pink or crimson and their

berries a transparent scarlet.

The last fading flowers of

summer include bristly ox-

tongue with its warry, grey

leaves and the yellow-green

foolish. There may, of course, be other considerations which have to be borne in mind when formulating policy. Cost. cleanness and easy availability are among the relevant factors in what is bound to be a complex equation. They have a common feature, though, not shared by the first consideration, namely that they can all in the long run be influenced and changed by political decisions. The wastefulness inherent in turning gas into electricity follows from the laws of thermodynamics. and these are not negotiable.

Does such wastefulness matter? The foolish virgins were punished for their improvidence. The more difficult moral problem facing our generation is that if we are improvident it is not we, but our successors, who are likely to suffer most. How then, and on what kind of timescale. should we assess our responsibility for the

The old joke about not caring about 1 posterity because posterity has done nothing for us, goes back at least to Joseph Addison. The opposite. Utopian belief that the needs of the present should be sacrificed in the name of long-term planning to some supposed ideal future. had its origins in the same period. Neither extreme has stood the test of time. Our responsibility, surely, lies somewhere in between. We cannot, and ought not to try. to dictate to future generations how they should live. But neither should we leave them with fewer options for living than we at present enjoy. If by wastefulness we starve them of non-renewable resources which they are still going to need, then we have failed them morally.

Human ingenuity will no doubt in the long run find acceptable ways of coping without fossil fuels. For the time being,

today

however, there is every indication that we are going to need all we have if the world as a whole, and not just privileged parts of is going to achieve tolerable standards of living. This may entail massive programmes of reafforestation if we are not to swamp the oceans and the atmosphere with carbon dioxide. But whatever it entails in terms of large-scale and longterm policies, the point is that such matters cannot simply be left to the unbridled operation of market forces as if

there were no special moral issues at stake.

he moral case made recently against 1 wholesale pit closures produced some angry retorts from those who had suffered redundancy in other industries. What is so special about miners? some asked. But unemployment is not the only issue here. grievous though that can be. There are ilso special moral issues attached to the nature of energy production itself, its importance to civilised living, the long lead times required to develop it, and the limited quantity of easily available resources. To ignore its special character is selfishly to pre-empt other people's futures, and so to fall under the judgment of

The foolish virgins woke up when it was too late. They had passed the point at which the resources they needed could be made available on time, without depriving others. To be left in outer darkness, both physically and spiritually, is a terrible fate. But they were in some sense luckier than us. They had only themselves to blame. Our fate in this generation is both to bear the burden of past wastefulness. and to face difficult decisions for which our descendants will rightly hold us to account.

The writer is Archbishop of York.

Birthdays Christening

The infant son of Lord and Lady Palumbo was christened Philip The Right Rev James Adams, 77: Rudolph by the Rev Prebendary Dr Chad Varah at the Church of S Mr Spiro Agnew, former Ameri-can vice-president, 74: Mr Stephen Walbrook on Friday. Kenneth Ashton, trades unionist. November 6. The godparents are Mr Terence Donovan. Professor 67: Mr Victor Blank, chairman, Charterhouse Bank. 50; Lord Colin St John Wilson, Mr Brabourne, 68: Mr David Con-Makram Zaccour, Mrs Rupert stant, cricket tempire, 51; Mr George Duncan, chairman, ASW Hambro. Mrs James Illingworth and Lady Stevens. Holdings, 59: Sir Robin Gillen. former Lord Mayor of London.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Canon Dennis Green, Vice-Dean of Ely Cathedral, to be also Cathedral Development Officer (Ely) The Rev Steve Hall, Chaplain at Brighton Polytechnic and Brighton College of Technology (Chichester, to be Team Vicar, Bitester Team Ministry, and partitine Chaptar, at Bullingdon Prison (Oxford, The Rev Brian Harris, Assistant Curate, Witton St Helen, to be Relator. Thurstasten St Bartholomew (Chester)

Steelworker takes home flower show silverware

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Hobbs, a Swansea steelworker, took the top prizes at the National Chrysanthemum Society's show at

His exhibit of five vases of incurved blooms - lilac 'Fairweather', its white and salmon sports, and yellow and prim-ruse sports of John Hughes' won him the Holmes memorial challenge cup for the second year running, making him national champion for late incurved chrysanthemums at the show held on Friday and Saturday.

The exhibit was judged best in show and awarded the Bentley trophy. The vase of Primrose John Hughes' was judged best in show, gaining the bikini championship vase. Ivor Mace, of Rhondda, has

retained the centenary trophy for 18 large exhibition blooms. He becomes the national champion for large exhibition chrysanthemums. Other winners

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Marriages

Mr I.G. Hilditch and Miss J.P. Green

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, November 7, at Lyonshall Church, between Ian Hildisch, son of Mr. Peter Hildisch, of Presibury. Cheshire, and the late Mrs Marjorie Hilditch, and Joanna Green. daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Green, of The Whittern, Lyons-

The bride was given away by her father and attended by Milly. Leny. Theo and Joss Cheney and Steven Campbell-Harris

The reception was held at the come of the bride and the honey-

moon is being spent abroad. Mr P.K. Jones and Miss A.E. Panahy

The marriage took place in Bristol on Saturday, November 7, he-tween Mr Peter Jones and Miss Anahita Panahy

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ivan Tureeney, writer, Orel, Russia, 1818; King Edward VII. reigned 1901-10, London, 1841: Sir Giles Gilbert Sont. architect, London, 1880.

DEATHS Ramsay MacDonald, prime minister 1924, 1929-31 and 1931-35, at sea en nume for South America, 1937: Neville Chamberlain, prime minister 1937-40, or Heckfield, Hampshire, 1940; Chaim Weizmann, 1st Israeli president 1949-52, Rehovat, 1952; Dylan Thomas. poet, New York, 1953; Charles de Gaulle, general, French president 1958-69, Colombes-des-deux-Eglises, 1970. Demolition of the Berlin wall

marriages Major S.D. Galpin The engagement is announced

Forthcoming

and Mrs C.A. For

between Stephen, son of the late Donald Galpin and of Mrs Bio Galpin, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Carole Ann Foy, of Crichina, Midiothian, widow of Giles Foy. Mr F.T. Keen

and Miss V.S. Jenkins

The engagement is announced between Francis, son of the late Mr. John Keane and of Mrs Keane, of Medstead. Hampshire. and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Jenkins, of Beeston,

M D. Pak and Miss C.J. Haifhead The engagement is announced

between Daniel, younger son of M and Mine H. Pillanel, of Estavayer-le-Lar, Switzerland, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Halfhead, of Oaksey, Malmesbury Wilshire.

and Dr SJ. Stockdale

Mr G.T. Spier

The engagement is announced ween Gavin, elder son of Dr and Mrs G. Spier, of Tuckierton, Shropshire, and Sarah, second daughter of Mr and Mr. D. Stockdale of Ekham, London

Mr DA Welk and Miss T.R. Caplan

The engagement is announced between David Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tim Wells, of Cheshire, and Tina Ruth, daughter of Mr W. Caplan, FRCS. FRCOG, of Columbus. Texas. formerly of Liverpool, and of the late Mrs Anne Capian.

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TEL: 071 481 4000 i the Lord have called you will righteous purpose and laken you by the hand: I have formed you and destined you DEATHS formed you and destined you to be a light for peoples. a DUNCAN - On November 6th 1992, James Walter Grace, In his 84th year, at home in Wellington. New Zealand Much loved husband of Catherine (Nity) and falher of Anna. Mary, Peter. Nick and Andrew. isalah 42:6 BIRTHS MCMENAMIN - On October SCHEINARING - O'N CYCOOT SOIN 1992 in Hong Kong, to Derek and Debble un'e Tunneyi, a son. David Thomas, a brother for Kate. SILVER - On November 4th, to Jim and Wendy un'et Profility a son. Christopher William Brian. brother to James FLETCHER-RANDALL OR November 5th. Gladys Louisa, peacefully in Thame Cottage Hospital. Oxiordshire, a dearly loved mother and grandmother, aged 86 years. Requiem mass 2pm Thursday November 12th at St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, Princes Risborouch. Brian. brother to James SIMMONDS. On October 27th at the Countess of Chester Hospital. to Janet (née Panagaids) and Andrew. a second son. William George a partner in crime for Edward. SYKES - On November 4th, to Jane (née Modfat) and Jeremy, a daughter. Harriet Enma, a sister for Edward. WARREN - On October 30th to Gaye (née Greenaway) and Paul a son. Thomas Sebastian. St Teresa's koman Catook Church, Princes Risborough, followed by Interment in St Mary's Parish Churchyard. Thame. Flowers. or donations if preferred to Thame Cottage Hospital. c/o Surman & Horwood Funeral Services. 25 High Street. Princes Risborough. HP27 OAE. MARRIAGES EASTON: KARAKAS - on November 6th in London. Jonathan Easton of Ottershaw Surrey to Ayse Karabas of Istanbul. DEATHS BROWN - On November 5th, Stephen, aged 34, peacefully after a long fight against can-cer, dearly loved son of Fisck and the late Gerard Brown and the late Gerard Brown and the dear brother of Oesone, Catrina, Michelle, and Lucia. Thankspiring service at St Michael's, Highgate on Saturday 21st November at 11.30 on Saturday 21st November at 11.30 DAVIES - On Thursday November 5th. In hospital, Jack Gale Wilmod. aged 81 years. of Wilmale Way. Cambridge. The funeral service will take place in the West Chapel at Cambridge Cremetorium on Friday November 13th et 12 noon. Firday November 13th et 12 noon. Floral tributes if desired may be sent to Co-operative Funeral Service. 5s James Street. Cambridge. DIGBY-FIRTH - Susan. Thursday November 5th 1992. Beloved moditer of Christian. grandmother of Anna and Francis, sister of Jean Lawrie. Funeral at St. Peter and St. Paul. Swaldiffe. 2.50pm Thursday November 12th. Donadicus, not flowers, please to The Samaritans, Albert Street. Banbury. or to the Church

WORD-WATCHING

LUKE HONEYTHUNDER

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MR CHADBAND

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b. A beadle

a. An inkeeper

By Philip Howard

DICKENSIANS

JOE GARGERY

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Rood. Haywards Heath at CHRITICA SETTIAM MAURICE (BIII), on 28th October 1992, suddenly. Private funerul on Wednesday 11th November. No Rowers please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation. 14 Fitzhardings. St. Will A Memortal Service. Si Richard's Church, Sydney Road, Haywards heath at 11.30am. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to London & Provincial Nursing Services C/o P & S Gallagher Fraser House Triangle Road Haywards Heath, Tel 0444 451166 St., W1. A Memorial Service will be announced later. GROVE - On November 5th 1992 peacefully. Marion Jessie, beloved wife of the late George Alexander Grove, mother of John and grandmother of Harriet and Caroline, Funeral Service at I.1 am on Thursday November 12th at All Saints and St James' Church, Kingsciffe, Family flowers only. MEMORIAL SERVICES BARRAN - The Memorial Mass for Tristram will be held at 11 am on Thursday November 19th at the Carmelite Church, Church Street, Kensington WB. Kingscliffe. Family flowers only.

HANSON - On November Sin 1992, at home. Erica Jame, darling daughter of Anne and David Hanson. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Alresiond Parish Church on Saturday November 14th at 11 am. Donations, if desired, to The Richen Valley Group of The Riding for the Disabled Association c/o Jno. Steel & Son. Chest House. Winchester. IN MEMORIAM --OWEN - Jason Matthew Dale of Penarth, beloved youngest son of Mauren and Dale, brother of Justin and Julian and grandson of the labe Evelyn and Charles Kelly, Born November 9th, 1978, died Jenuary 17th, 1984, aged 5 years, at Cardiff Royal infirmary from Uraemic Syndrome (H.U.S.), Priceless treasured memories of a darling boy on his 14th birthday and thenics for ell the foy he gave to so many in his short life. Association c/o Jno. Steel & Son. Chesti House. Winchester.

NARPER - On November 3rd 1992 peacefully in the South of France, Alianah, coustn of Audrey Harper and Lucinda Kitchen, Nicholas and Timothy. Beloved friend of Olympia Zamiirescu and of Sybile Bedford.

NODGKINSON On November 5th 1992 in Ledhury, after a short line in hespital. Richard aged 79 years, Sather of Sarah. Callerine and Judith. Requiem Mess on Friday November 13th at 12 moon at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity Ledhury, No flowers please, donations to Friends of Ledhury Octage Hospital. C/o B Hawcutt FD, Holmesdale, Newbury Park, Ledhury Herefordshire.

LITHER - On November 5th 1992, peacefully at Riverhill Carler Home, Woodbridge, Alice Margaret. 1896 94 years. Midow of Thomas Simm. Mother of Jim and Mary, Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church. Methon, on Friday November 13th at 2.30 pm followed by cremetion. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for The Royal National Institute for the Deaf, to E.B. Buston & Sons, 24 St. John's Street. Woodbridge, Suricelk. MACNAIR-SMITH - On November 1st 1992. Captain James Wallis, R.M. freid at home, aged 73, after much sufferings brawely boyne. Dearty loved and sorely rissed by family and friends. Cremation at Golders Green. West Chapel, November 12th 1992 at 16.00. Donations to Royal Maraden Hospital. Fulham. LEGAL NOTICES BARRY MERO LIMITED
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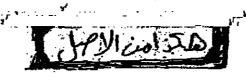
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Alexander Dubeck, first secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party during the reformist "Prague Spring" of 1968 and the consequent ivasion by Soviet-led troops of the Warsaw Pact. died on November 7 aged 70 from injuries suffered in a car crash. He was born in Uhrovec, in western Slovakia, on November 27, 1921.

lexander Dubcek inspired the phrase A socialism with a human face" and hecame the figurehead of the movement to instigate cultural and economic reforms in Czechoslovakia. The fact that he envisioned these reforms being achieved within communist philosophy hardly lessened the enthusiasm with which they were observed in the West or the distrust with which they were greeted in Moscow and the other Warsaw Pact capitals.

This figurehead role was an unlikely one for Dubcek, however. The ideas that inspired the "post-January" reform programme were not his. It was an historic choice as party leader, he should have found himself in a position where he not only had to sponsor reforms more radical than he had envisaged, but also had to try to save Czechoslovak independence from the aggression of the Soviet Union, which be had been brought up to regard and love as his fatherland.

For a man who had done his atmost to avoid provoking Moscow, and who constantly urged his own people to do nothing "precipitate", the invasion by Soviet-led troops of the Warsaw Pact, on the night of August 20, 1968, was the ultimate nightmare. It led to his being taken, manacled, to Moscow and browbeaten into accepting the Soviet presence.

It led, too, to his being ousted from power and humiliated and ostracised for nearly two decades before the "velvet revolution" of 1989 brought renewed public adulation and partial restitution of his reputation as a national hero.

Remarkably, Dubcek's faith in Marxist-Leninism remained unwavering. He ascribed the responsibility for the Soviet invasion of 1968 to "neo-Stalininst totali-tarian dictatorship". Like Mikhail Gorbachov, with whom he identified closely, he was, at heart, a party loyalist and towards the end of his life, with the communist philosophy discredited worldwide, he placed his trust in "Swedish-style democratic socialism" while continuing to stress the importance of Czechoslovakia's ties with Russia.

Alexander Dubcek's connections with Russia were very close. When he was four, . his family moved to Russia to join the famous "Interhelpo" co-operative. Dubcek went to school first at Frunze and later at Gorki, and studied at the Communist Party College in Moscow. His father,



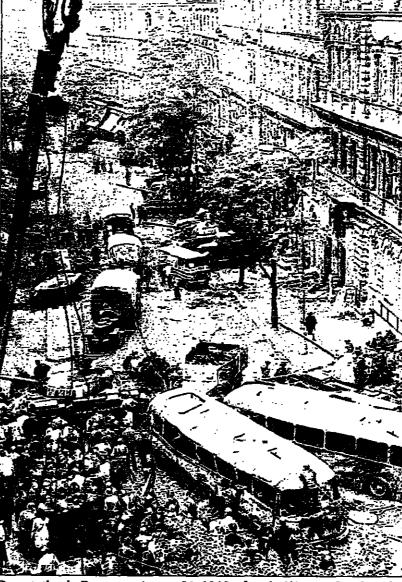


Stefan, who was a carpenter and had spent two years in the United States, had joined the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia as soon as it was founded in 1921. The family returned to Czechoslovakia in 1938 and Alexander, then 18, joined the illegal Communist Party of Slovakia. Ostensibly, the family lived at Trencin, but Stefan, by now a leading communist, was wanted by the police and kept on the move. Alexander became an apprentice fitter at the Skoda armaments factory near Trencin. Under the German occupation, Stefan became a member of the third illegal central committee of the Slovak Communist Party, which led the party until 1942, when he and the other leaders were arrested and sent to a concentration camp until the liberation. In 1944, during the Slovak Rising, Alexander Dubcek and his brother Julius joined the Jan Zizka partisan brigade. Julius was killed by the Nazi Edelweiss Division and Alexander was wounded during fighting.
After the war, Dubcek worked for four

years at the Trencin yeast factory and began to rise through the party ranks. In 1951, he became a member of the national assembly. By 1953, he was chief secretary of the party's regional committee at Banska Bystrica, and from 1958-60 occupied the same post at Bratislava.

He was elected a member of the central committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia in 1958 and in 1960 became one of its secretaries. In 1962 he became a member of the praesidium and a secretary of the central committee of the Communist Party of Slovakia. In the same year he was made a candidate member of the praesidium of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. The following year, he became a full member and was made first secretary of the Communist Party of Slovakia.

Alexander Dubcek was a hard worker his only pleasures were reading, walking and swimming. He studied law as an external student at Bratislava and in 1958 graduated summa cum taude from



Devastation in Prague on August 21, 1968, after the Warsaw Pact invasion

the political high school of the central committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in Moscow. It is related of him that afterwards he said that he did not consider it right that Slovak and Czech communists who had not had the chance of obtaining a university or even a middle-school education at home should go to Moscow for study and then be appointed to party or state posts in Czechoslovakia. "In Moscow," he said, "they only study the history of the USSR and its peoples, and they do it in Russian. Meanwhile they learn nothing about their own history and culture and do not even know their own language. How can that help them when they have to carry out their jobs?" Nonetheless, in Russian eyes Dubcek was very much a Moscow man, and members of the Soviet praesidium used to refer to him as "Our Sasha". Dubcek was reputed to have close personal ties with Brezhnev, which accounted for the bitter disillusionment he voiced at meetings with the Soviet leader

Dubcek was an unknown quantity when appointed a secretary of the central committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party in 1960. An Englishman who met him at the time took him to be a typical "Komsomolets" - young, smooth, cheerful, possibly somewhat cynical and, apparently, the blue-eyed boy of a party leader. He became first secretary of the Slovak Communist Party at a crucial time, on the eve of the dismissal of the leader of the Centralist Slovaks in Prague, the prime minister Vilem Siroky. The period of Dubcek's ascent to power in Slovakia coincided with rehabilitation of the Slovak "bourgeois" nationalists, the reappraisal of the Slovak Rising and a new-found love for the pioneers of Slovak national regeneration. Since it was the Slovaks in Bratislava who rocked the Czechoslovak boat by turning out the Slovak prime minister, it was perhaps appropriate that a Slovak should be chosen on January 5. 1968, to succeed the discredited Stalinist. Antonin Novotny, as first secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party; and that when Lenart's name was rejected, the position should be given to Dubcek.

after the invasion.

T his was a critical time. The country's economy was stagmant after 20 years of clumsy central planning. The Marxis-Leninist system had crushed independent political and cultural life and the show trials of the 1950s had left a legacy of distrust. The crisis split the party between conservative diehards and a progressive wing. Dubcek was not among the radical thinkers drawing blueprints for change, but he saw the good sense of what the reformers were saving. He also inspired trust all round. His background was as an orthodox communist, thoroughly trained in Russia, yet he had been one of Novomy's fiercest critics and, at 46.

was relatively young. However, in April 1968, under Dubcek's leadership, an Action Programme, was passed that called for economic decentralisation and guarantees of democratic freedoms of assembly and opinion. It represented the first buds of the Prague spring. Intellectuals and students throughout Czechoslovakia tested the limits of the new tolerance. Politicians faced hostile questioning at crowded public meetings. Censorship was abolished and criticism of the Soviet Union crept into the media. The country breathed an intoxicating air of national self-rediscovery after two decades of repression.

It was not to last. The disapproval of the orthodox Brezhnev leadership in Moscow, evident from the start, now loomed ominously. A verbal campaign against the reformist Prague government intensified. In May, the Dubcek leadership bowed to pressure and agreed to allow Warsaw Pact manoeuvres on Czechoslovak territory. fanning fear - at home and abroad that Moscow might try to reassert its authority. In the middle of July came an alarming letter: five Soviet bloc leaders, meeting in Warsaw, said that there was a threat of counter-revolution. There were two more showdowns: the entire Soviet leadership travelled by train to the Slovak border town of Cierna-nad-Tisou and

Romania, joined them in Bratislava. Dubcek emphasised to the other leaders his view that that democracy meant a dignified discipline and respect for law and order. While reaffirming that his country was still socialist and a committed member of the Warsaw Pact, he remained firm on the fundamental point of national sovereignty and Czechoslovakia's right to pursue a democratic course. In vain, he said the quarrel could be resolved through discussion. He believed until the last, some would say against the evidence, that Moscow would not intervene. Warsaw Pact tanks rolling across the borders on the night of August 20 proved him wrong. He was accused by many of having been

the extent of the invasion, the central committee building in Prague was surrounded by Soviet paratroopers. A Russian security officer and two soldiers burst into his private office, tore the phone from his hands and ripped the wire out of the wall. He was held at a secret military base in Slovakia while the Czechoslovak president. Ludvik Svoboda, was flown to Moscow and given an ultimatum: change the government and party leadership or face having Slovakia converted into a Soviet republic.

hile Svoboda stalled. Dubcek and other detained members of the Czechoslovak central committee were flown to Moscow. All of them were held in isolation and prevented from learning of the extensive passive resistance of their countrymen to the invasion forces which might have influenced their reactions to the pressure applied from the

Moscow's efforts to muster a new government failed and it reluctantly asked Dubcek to stay on as party leader, while insisting on a re-imposition of controls. The Czechoslovak Communist Party, he said, had not always taken sufficient note development". The important thing, he said, was to restore Soviet trust in order to

His words were a bitter disappointment to his countrymen, many of whom felt

Anti-Russion sentiment led to a wave of violent incidents and these led. in turn, to Dubcek announcing his resignation at a plenary session of the central committee in April 1969. He said that he had asked to be relieved of his post. It was the inevitable price exacted by the Kremlin. Initially he remained a member of the party presidium and was elected chairman of the national assembly, but, as the first anniversary of the invasion approached, demands were voiced by the pro-Soviet opportunists who had taken over power that he should submit himself to "public self-criticism". At a central committee meeting in September, he was

reported to have refused to confess to political errors, but he was dropped from the ruling praesidium and removed from

Surprisingly, he was appointed ambassador to Turkey, but this was a brief - as well as bizarre - respite, and, in January 1970, he was withdrawn from this diplomatic post and expelled from the party. Later - in apparent explanation it was stated that he had been "unprincipled, cowardly, weak and two-faced" in confronting the "counter-revolutionary threat of 1968".

as an official of the Slovak Forestry Commission in Bratislava, a non-person intently watched by the secret police and barred from public life. Years later he said he could not have survived the ordeal without the support of his wife and three sons. In 1974 he made a rare statement revealing his continuing pro-Soviet atti-tudes by attacking the regime of his successor Gustav Husak in a letter to the Czechoslovakia federal assembly in which he accused the regime of "provoking unti-Sovietism" among Czechoslovaks.

In 1988 Dubcek's passport was suddenly returned and he was allowed to travel to Italy to accept an honorary doctorate from the University of Bologna. It seemed to be a first step to rehabilitation but when he was invited by the French and Portuguese presidents to participate in a peaceconference in Paris along with Andrei Sakharov and Lech Walesa, travel approval was refused.

In 1989, heartened by what he saw as the similarities between the Gorbachov reforms in the Soviet Union and his own ideas of 20 years earlier, he began to emerge from the shadows. In November when, after ten days of mass protests, the communist regime in Prague began to collapse. Dubcek joined Vaclay Havel and the members of the Civic Forum reform movement in demanding the resignation of anti-reformist Communist leaders.

Recalling 1968 in an interview in 1990. Dubcek admitted that he had not anticipated the Soviet invasion. "Of course we asked ourselves this question but the answer was always no. We felt that it would be too great a shock for the left movements of the world". He said that he had assumed that when the invasion occurred, the original plan had been to have him and his colleagues tried and executed. "The soldiers arrested us 'in the name of the Revolutionary Tribunal'," he said. "It was only our people's solid resistance and the worldwide protests against the invasion that saved our lives." But, he said, it was "neo-Stalinism" or "Brezhnevism" that disillusioned him, not

Just before and after the Soviet invasion Alexander Dubcek enjoyed a more widespread popularity than any previous Czechoslovak politician. He was the first Slovak to become not only the idol of his own people but. minabile dictu. of the

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gentle winning smile, so refreshing after the grim countenances of previous Czech political leaders, his "socialism with a human face" and, later, to his emotional

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ways. LUKE HONEYTHUNDER (a) The Rev, professional philanthropist in Edwin Drood: "Always something in the nature of a Boil upon the face of society, Mr Honeythunder expanded

into an inflammatory Wen in Minor Canon Corner." THE REV CHADBAND (a) A hypocritical clergyman who is drawn into the Smallweed's scheme for blackmailing Dedlock in Bleak House. "A large yellow man, with a fat smile, and a general appearance of having a good deal of train oil in his system."

BUMBLE (b) Beadle of the parish workhouse where Oliver Twist is born. He marries the matron, Mrs Corney, but they are eventually dismissed and end their days spent four days arguing with Dubcek; the rest of the eastern bloc, apart from

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Dubcek went as he renorted back to an anxious nation and appealed to Czechoslovaks to accommodate Soviet concerns. of the strategic and general interests of the Soviet Union. "as a real, objectively existing and limiting factor of the possible pace and form of our own political bring about the withdrawal of the Soviet

that the unanimity of the response was such that it could have forced the withdrawal of the foreign troops. In spite of his efforts and his popularity among Czechoslovaks. Dubcek was in any case doomed. The Kremlin wanted him out. At the time of the invasion he was at the summit of his popularity, but by the following Christmas this had begun to wane. He had been regarded as the mouthpiece of national and popular aspirations, both Slovak and Czech. But after the invasion, in the eyes of the intellectuals at least, he seemed to be assuming more and more the role of the unwilling advocate of Soviet solutions. His policy seemed to be to postpone the implementation of the major reforms and, instead, to reconcile the people to what was euphemistically called "normalisation". This inevitably meant moving back towards the conformism of the Novotny era.

the chairmanship of the federal assembly.

or the next 18 years Dubcek worked

ubcek's popularity had survived his years in isolation and there were calls for him to stand as a presidential candidate. But in December he stood aside in favour of Havel and ten days later was elected chairman of the federal parliament. In May the next year he visited Moscow again, paying tribute to Gorbachov and saying of the 1968 invasion: "It's no good crying over spilt milk". In June 1990 he was re-elected chairman of the Czechoslovak federal assembly, but his popularity was once again slipping and his actions, or lack of them, over the years being questioned. He was criticised for failing to speak out in the 1970s for failed dissidents; for failing to sign the Charter 77 civil rights appeals and for failing to join the Civic Forum reform movement. Even so, in June 1992, he was returned to parliament as a deputy for Slovakia's Social Democrats and was a possible candidate for the Slovak presidency after the expected split between Czechs and Slovaks. He remained an unequivocal advocate of the common

communism.

Czechs, too. Dubcek owed this popularity first and foremost to the fact that he replaced the hated Novomy and was thus seen as the man who let air into the stuffy Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

fresh approach to public office — unprecedented in the communist world building up a popular image by greeting sportsmen, going to soccer matches and waving at crowds. He liked to swim in the public swimming baths where he would dive from the high board and afterwards sign autographs for youngsters.

He owed much of his popularity to his

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Shakespeare shaken Financed by England, animated in

Russia and produced in Wales, BBC2 kicks off Shakespeare: the

Animated Tales with a version of A

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NEWS

Lamont pressed to cut rates to 6%

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is considering a bold two-point cut in interest rates to soften the blow of a virtual pay freeze for five million public sector workers and savage reductions in planned state spending. A cut in loan rates to 6 per cent, canvassed by Thatcherite ministers and some Treasury officials, is aimed at reinvigorating the housing market and restoring business and consumer confidence, which hit bottom after the pound's exit from the ERM Page 1

French go for a hit list

With farmers on the warpath and its national pride inflamed. France will today defy the objections of its European Community partners and ask the European Commission to draw up a "hit list" of US goods to be penalised if Washington goes ahead with EC trade sanctions......Page 1, 14

Cui de sac

An analysis of new car registration figures shows how the recession is biting deeply into the Home Counties and South East, with sales plummeting in the traditionally prosperous heartlands of the Conservative party while they remain buoyant in the Page 2 North ...

Suspect named

Ian Spiro, the British businessman who was involved with Western intelligence agencies and with Terry Waite's mission to secure the release of hostages in the Lebanon, was named as the prime suspect in the murder of his wife and three children in .. Page 3

Duty calls

Unlimited amounts of alcohol. tobacco, and any other goods can be brought to Britain from the European Community from midnight on December 31, so long as the bearer can convince customs officials that they are for supposed to be complete by the personal consumption.... Page 7

Forced out

Merseyside detectives in a big fraud trial have been forced to release one million pages of material from their investigation under new guidelines on the disclosure of police material Page 9

Bank attack

The high street banks, already facing criticism for taking a tough line with struggling small businesses, come under attack today from big companies for

lacking professionalism and making too many account ... Page 7

Liberia plea

Eight heads of state, meeting in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, called on the warring factions in Liberia to observe a ceasefire from midnight tomorrow and approved economic sanctions on Page 13

Obstacle race

Even as President Bush was urging Americans in a weekend broadcast to raily round the new Clinton administration, White House aides were said to be discussing plans to place obstacles in the Democrats' path Page 11

Dubeck death

The death on Saturday of Alexander Dubcek after eight weeks in intensive care in a Prague hospital preceded by only a few weeks the demise of the Czechoslovak federation. The split is new year and, until his car accident in September. Mr Dubcek, 70. was earmarked to be independent Slovakia's first

Gatt battle

France's latest demands for a "hit list" of trade-war measures aimed at the US show how tough the Gatt impasse will be to resolve. The dispute touches sensitive spots in the Gallic psyche: the rural way of life and bullying by "les Anglo-Saxons".. Page 15

Palace ponders royal tours

What should have been an important royal promotion in Korea for UK exports and investment became, in the British press, the peg for a new gloomy assessment of the Prince and Princess of Wales's marriage. Staff at St James's Palace must now decide how the couple's engagements for next year are to be handled Page 3



Racism defied: thousands march through Berlin's Brandenburg Gate in yesterday's protest against neo-Nazism and anti-semitism

BUSINESS

Recipe for success: The CBI, outlining its priorities for action to ensure success in world markets, calls for a big improvement in performance, including a clear directional stragegy, thinking globally, and working more closely with the academic world Page 40

Merger hitch: The merger between the Bank of Edinburgh and the Heart of England Building Society appears in trouble, as approval by the Bank of England and the Building Societies Commission for the first takeover of a building society by a bank is awaited ... Page 44 Steel worries: Michael Heseltine, Board of Trade president, is examining a formal request from British Steel for sanctions to block "surges in unfair imports" of steel from

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East Europe into Britain.. Page 44

Gotf drama: Fred Couples and Davis Love III, the hottest players in America this year, won the 38th World Cup of Golf for the United States after a thrilling final round on the La Moraleja course in Spain Page 22

Bitter exit: Nigel Mansell's Formula One career ended in disarray and anger when he and Ayrton Senna crashed out of the Australian Grand Prix as Gerhard Berger gained his second victory of the season for McLaren. Mansell led to lap 19 of the 81-lap race when his Williams appeared driven into by Senna's McLaren and both went off the track Page 23

WOMEN

Working girls: The English Collective of Prostitutes is tomorrow launching a billboard campaign opposing the idea of state-sanctioned prostitution in restricted areas. Niki Adams, a spokeswoman for the collective, says she does not want her members to be corralled into 'ghettos".

FASHION

Recycling glamour: Sociologists would have us believe that fashion is the perfect barometer of shifting sands, a reflection of bigger things. Iain R. Webb asks if the reappearance of 1940s style in the 1990s tells us something about the times

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Celtic saga: Benedict Nightingale on why the Wexford Trilogy, with its vivid look at small-town alienation, reveals Billy Roche as the most striking dramatist Ireland has seen since Brian Friel...... Page 37 Class dismissed: The little people

emerge from beneath the floorboards as BBC Television screens The Borrowers as cosy teatime fare: if Mary Norton's borrowers were poor and fearful, TV makes them too middle-class ...

Changed Image: Pasolini's film Teorema, a haunting cinematic image of the 1960s, has been turned into an "opera with no singers" by London on Wednesday Page 35 | subject

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Giorgio Battistelli, opening in | Turner sheds some light on the

Net asset: Despite economic pressures, many companies want to be environmentally responsible. A special report on the relationship between business and the world we Pages 31-34

Off by heart: The curious thing about rote learning is that nobody knows what it is. Everyone knows it to be a bad thing; that it used to go on in the chalk-and-blackboard 1930s before we became enlightened: and of course that it is mindless and mechanical. But nobody knows what it means. Martin

If the CBI is serious about shifting the balance of power in Whitehall in lavour of industry, it must demand for the President of the Board of Trade a voice at least equal to the Chancellor's. Otherwise industry's new "champion in Whitehall" may be about as useful

to industry as Don Quinote was to

Uneven-handed

Dukinea...

Recent miscarriages of justice have brought with them disturbing accounts of suppressed, manipulated, even falsified evidence by the police and prosecution service. The nadir was reached when the Court of Appeal in the Judith Ward case criticised prosecutors and police for failing to disclose to the defence evidence that indicated Miss Ward's innocence Page 19

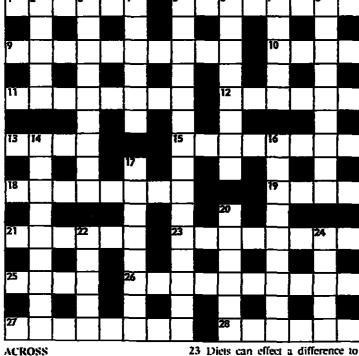
Prague autumn

Mr Alexander Dubcek who died at the weekend will be mourned not only by the Czechs and the Slovaks. A whole political generation which is just beginning to taste real power was charmed by the attractive but flamed little flast state socialism could have a human face. Page 19

The Government cannot go on like this. It cannot go on engaging in trials of strength which turn into demonstrations of weakness ... It cannot lead the country through a period of severe economic hardship without giving a clear explanation of what the pain is supposed achieve - The Sunday Telegraph

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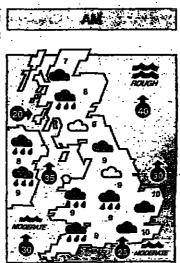
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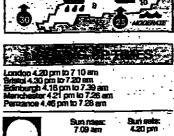
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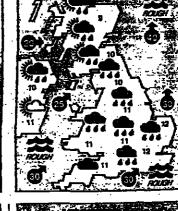
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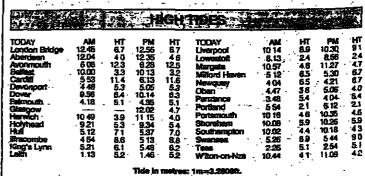


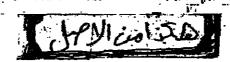
Norway's prime min-ister, Gro Harlem Brundtland, called for views on British rule immediate talks after raised by John Major the ruling Labour of joining the EC Page 15











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Billy Roche, pride of Írish drama, is back in London



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Britain's world champion bows out of Formula One on angry note in Adelaide Senna haunts Mansell to bitter end

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN ADELAIDE

NIGEL Mansell's Formula One career ended in disarray and bitterness here yesterday at the Australian grand prix. The world champion was leading the final race of the season when his Williams-Renault was hit from behind by Ayrton Senna. Both drivers were eliminated as a result of the crash, leaving Gerhard Berger, Senna's McLaren colleague, to claim his second victory of the season. Senna, the Brazilian from

whom Mansell took the world championship this season, had already tried to pass the Williams when he made a second attempt on the nineteenth lap of the 81-lap race. As Mansell braked behind a backmarker into a right-hand corner. Senna crashed into the back of him after locking his brakes, slewing sideways and losing his front left wheel. Both cars skidded into the sandy run-off area and into

It was a disappointing end to Mansell's last race before going to the United States to race in Indy Car next year with the Newman-Haas team. It continued a run of bad luck for Mansell at the Adelaide circuit. In 1986 he was denied the world title by a burst tyre and in seven starts here he has managed one second place.

After leaping out of his car,

Mansell ignored safety regula-tions by running across the had to do that, otherwise would have had a fight and that would not have been the best way to leave Formula One." Mansell said.

Mansell, who hurt his back in the crash, said that he was disgusted by Senna's driving. He said he seen the race stewards about a protest but they viewed it as "a sporting

"I am very disappointed." Mansell said. "I had everything under control. I feel has appalling standards. I have been penalised in the past for far less. I wanted to make an official protest but the team did not want to



Making tracks: Mansell's race comes to a premature end as Senna hits him from behind, leaving the Briton, below, to storm away from the circuit

support me, nor did the stewards. They are totally gutless.
"It seems to me that certain

people in Formula One can get away with anything they want, and that has been demonstrated today. I'm glad I'm out of it.' Mansell said he knew nothing of reports that Bernie Ecclestone, president of the Formula: One Constructors'

Association, had asked the Newman-Haas team how much it would cost to buy out Mansell's contract. Senna said that he had been unable to stop after Mansell had braked early. "Nigel and I had passed the backmarker car that had been holding us up, then he braked early," Senna said. "He knew I was very close. I was on the limit,

maybe a little over, when he

braked earlier than he had

before. I could not avoid

hitting him." Senna suggested

that he would like to shake

Mansell's hand because "he has won the world title with great style. He deserves it and as neither of us are likely to be here next year. I feel I ought to congratulate him".

After yesterday's incident,

the latest in a series between the two men who have dominated Formula One in recent years, the sport will not have been unhappy to see an excit-

ing race unfold over the remaining laps without them. Riccardo Patrese, Mansell's team colleague, inherited the lead, which he held from Berger for 32 laps, but the Italian was forced to retire by a fuel pump failure. His consolation was second place in the championship, but only just. With a late charge, Michael Schumacher, the brilliant

HESCLIS FROM ADELAIDE

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young German driver, re-duced the gap to Berger from 25sec to 0.7sec at the finish, breaking the lap record. Schumacher, finishing his first full season, needed victory to improve on third place in the championship, and he was followed home by Benetton colleague, Martin Brundle. The Benetton team is the first to score a point in every race of the season since Lotus in 1963.

Berger said that he had used a lot of fuel at the start of the race when he was trying hard to overtake Alesi. "Though I didn't see the accident between Mansell and Senna. I nearly slid into Patrese's gear box a few times myself," Ferrari next season, said in sympathy for Senna. "Racing that close to each other makes it very difficult not to lock the wheels and crash into the car



Castle is ruined by Bates

JEREMY Bates emulated Jo Durie in winning the British tennis title in Telford yesterday. Despite being aged 30 and 32 respectively, the British No. Is are so clearly the best players in the land that it would have been a massive embarrassment if the titles had gone

elsewhere. Without ever having to produce his best. Bates took 1 hr 21 min to beat his old rival, Andrew Castle, 7-5, 6-3 and earn his fourth singles title. Neither Bates nor Durie, the straight-sets winner over Julie Salmon, dropped a set in taking home pay-cheques of £9,000.

Bates broke decisively in the eleventh game of the first set and three times in the second. Castle ended the match, and his career as a full-time professional, on a doublefault. "I just didn't do the basic things right," he said. A fitting epitaph to an altogether depressing

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US pair win by a stroke

Fred Couples and Davis Love III, the form players in America this year, steered the United States to a one-shot victory over Sweden in the World Cup of Golf in Madrid

of Oc... yesterday. lan Woosnam, Wales, lost in a play-off to Brett Ogle, of Australia, for the International Trophy, awarded to the individual winner ... Page 24

Warning note

Kim Bailey, the Upper Lambourn trainer, yesterday warned racing punters not to back Kings Fountain for Saturday because of the cough that is affecting stables in Lambourn, the West Country and the Midlands Page 29

Hirst proves equal to derby task

Sheffield United Sheffield Wednesday 1

By STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Hirst, with his first goal in the Premier League since the end of August, belatedly rescued Sheffield Wednesday yesterday from their third successive defeat against their neighbours. Only six minutes were left when he equalised with the assistance of the most talented figure at Bramall Lane, Chris

Hirst, who has missed much of the season through injury, looked out of sorts for most of a misty afternoon. But, with one llash of the ability which has lifted him into contention for the England team, he saved Wednesday in the city's annual clash of cultures.

United play as though adorned in overalls soiled with grime and perspiration. Applying pressure in every square yard of the pitch, they work tirelessly to gain posses-

By Barry Pickthall

JOHN O'Driscoll, skipper of

the British Steel Challenge

yacht. Rhone-Poulenc, decid-

ed in Rio de Janeiro yesterday

that he could not continue this race around the world.

His announcement, just a

week before the fleet of ten set

out on the second, and per-

haps most hazardous, stage

around Cape Horn and across

the Southern Ocean to Ho-

bart, Tasmania, follows the

forced resignation of another

skipper and withdrawal of

one crewman last week after

sion of a ball which they aim, invariably, either in the air to the elongated Deane, or on the ground to the speedy

Their creative intent is limited almost exclusively to the danger they can cause at set pieces. Their goal, inevita-bly from a corner shortly after the hour, was a characteristi-cally unseemly scramble. By comparison. Wednesday

perform as though dressed in bow ties and dinner suits. Their refined individuals allfeature in a midfield through which their more appealing approach is developed. Sheridan, until he was withdrawn with 20 minutes remaining. Bart-Williams and, especially, Waddle were the most purposeful on view.

After withstanding United's predictable opening surge. Wednesday's overall control was disturbed only on either side of the interval. Before it. Deane, left unguarded at yet another corner, nodded against the underside of the

His contribution was largely

deciding the challenge was

O'Driscoll, 55, a Royal

Navy diver, who was himself a

late replacement for Alec-

Honey, is to be replaced by

ter, an experienced multihull

sailor who flew out to Rio last

It was apparent soon after

Rhone-Poulenc's eighth-

place finish in Rio a week ago

that O'Driscoll, who retires

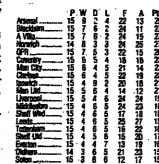
from the Navy on December

1, had not enjoyed the first

stage of the race, from South-

ampton to Rio.

Peter Phillips, 56, from Exe-



PREMIERLEAGUE

smothered by the versatile Palmer, moved back from midfield specifically for the purpose. But Deane, after misdirecting one header from a cross by Littlejohn, was able to correct his sights and allow his striking partner, standing virtually on the line, to claim his second goal in successive fixtures. United, unbeaten at home

Most of the crew did not get

a chance to sail with him

before the start and, quite

apart from the inevitable

clashes of personality, he

found it hard to get them to

do things his way after they

had spent a year training

under the Whitbread round-

the world race-winner, Lionel

Pean, of France. The French-

man's presence in Rio during

the stopover increased this

friction and O'Driscoll's with-

drawal comes as no surprise

to those who have welcomed

Phillips is an ideal replace-

each yacht into port.

for three months, maintained

O'Driscoll withdraws from challenge

their record only through the agility of their second-choice goalkeeper, Kelly. He distinguished himself in the first half with saves in rapid succession from Bright and Bart-Williams. Once Warhurst was introduced to reinforce Wednesday's response, Kelly was prompted to demonstrate the safety of his handling twice by the substitute and again by Bart-Williams. He was beaten, though, by a move of the

Hirst, drifting in from the left, exchanged with Waddle, who had similarly moved in from the right. The delayed pass in the middle was measured and the shot, struck with the minimum of backlift, relieved the despondency created by Wednesday's defeat in the Uefa Cup in midweek.
SHEFFELD UNITED: A Kaly, K Gage, T Cowan, J Garnon, B Gayle, P Beesley, C Bradshaw, P Rogers, A Unitednit, B Deane, M Ward (sub. G Hodges)
SHEFFELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods, R Nilsson, N Worthington, C Pather, R Nesson, C Bart-Williams, D Wilson, C Waddle, D Hist, M Bright, J Strendan (sub) P Wartunsti

ment. A former policeman, he

is a seat-of-the-pants sailor

with a home-spun philosophy,

who is used to racing with

limited resourses and mould-

ing a strong team of enthus-

Simon Walker, the first

mate on Rhone-Poulenc, said:

"We are sorry to see John go,

but understand that, on leav-

ing the Navy, he has to look

after his future career. We

have a strong crew that is

deeply committed to working

together and are looking for-

ward to creating a winning

team with Peter Phillips."

iasts around him.

England look to Teague's power

ONE year and six days after Mike Teague retreated from international rugby, his battered body apparently unlikely to absorb any further punish ment after the World Cup, he was selected to play in the England back row against South Africa in the rugby union international at Twickenham on Saturday.

Teague is one of four changes announced yesterday from the side that beat Canada 26-13 last month. The one new cap, Ben Clarke, plays alongside him at No. 8, Brian Moore is back at hooker and Rory Underwood returns from the briefest of retre-ments to oust his brother. Tony, from the left wing.

The other casualties are John Olver and the two Deans in the back row, Richards and Ryan. This time, I wonder, will Richards be recalled at No. 8? The Leicester player was excluded during the World Cup last year but returned in the five nations' championship; now, though, the game has changed because of the new laws that have, in some sense, been the making of Clarke.

The arguments proposed in

favour of Teague's return at 33 could also be said to apply to Richards. "We are conscious of the strengths in the upper body of the South Africans," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said at Twickenham."During Saturday's [B team] game there were occasions when the ball didn't come back very quickly. Teague can do that, he has the know-how in the lineout be-hind Wade [Dooley], and he is very fit, in his strength and in

ENGLAND TEAM

J M Webb (Berh); I Hunter (Northampton), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Lacester and RAF). C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Monis (Dreft); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), M C Teague (Moseley), M C Bayfield (Northampton), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers). P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), B B Clarke (Bath), S Banes (Beth), S M Bates (Wasps), C J Oliver (Northampton), J A Probyn (Wasps), T A K Rodber (Northampton and Army).

A year ago Teague, then with Gloucester, confessed that the World Cup final against Australia might have been one game too many. He was carrying shoulder, knee and ankle injuries and was advised to give up the game. A builder in the family company, he was unable to work for several weeks and received financial assistance from the Rugby Football Union because of injuries received through his involvement with the game.

Teague, however, kept training, changed clubs and joined Moseley, of the Courage Clubs Championship second division, and turned up in September to England squad fitness testing in superb condition. "He has got his hunger back." Cooke said.

Clarke, once of Bishop's Stortford and Saracens before moving last season to Bath, wins his first cap at 24. The 6ft 5in, 17st Clarke emerged at much the same time as Ryan and Tim Rodber, both of whom won caps at No. 8 in 1990 and 1992 respectively. but the Bath finishing school and the way they have used him to accommodate the law changes this season have thrust Clarke the final step up

THE SINGLETON MALT WHISKY HAS INTOXICATED THE JUDGES.

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Or the remarkably pure spring waters of Dorie's Well? Or the unique maturing process in Spanish sherry casks?

Whatever it is, there can be no finer pastime than sitting down with a glass and deciding for yourself.

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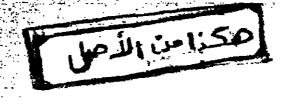
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Swedes watch the birdies deprive them of World Cup

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN MADRID

FRED Couples and Davis Love III. the hottest players in America this year, yesterday won the 38th World Cup of Golf for the United States following a dramatic final round here on the La Moraleja course.

Anders Forsbrand and Per-Ulrik Johansson had ap-peared on the threshold of making a successful defence for Sweden, but Couples and Love holed for birdies on the 18th green to turn a one-shot deficit into a one-shot win.

Couples said: "It was pressure-packed out there. When it comes down to a finish like that, then it hits you just as it would in a major championship or the Ryder Cup. You don't want to let your partner down; you're playing to win."

The Swedes were understandably disappointed, as was Ian Woosnam, of Wales, who lost a play-off to Brett Ogle. of Australia, for the International Trophy, awarded to the individual winner. Couples, who scored 65.

and Love (70) finished with a total of 548, 28 under par, and shared the first prize of

ter and his intention to extend

his ambition to 100 metres

freestyle offer one of the most

exciting prospects for the sea-

His lesson at the Speedo

grand prix in Cumbernauld

yesterday was that morning

sluggishness causes evening

deprivation. He missed a

place in the final of the 100

metres freestyle, and with it a

chance to race Stephan Caron,

the Frenchman who won the

bronze medal at the Barcelona

Olympic Games, and take the

lead position in the sprint

freestyle category

£154,838. It is the first time since 1983 that the United States have simultaneously held the Ryder Cup and the World Cup, which they have won 18 times.

The finish was one of pure theatre, with the four players aware on the 18th tee that the outcome was in the balance after four days of intense competition.

Love had holed from four feet for a two at the 17th to give the Americans hope -He had to make it or we were playing the 18th for fun." Couples said — following 16 holes during which both Johansson and Couples excelled themselves.

The conditions were idyllic and Johansson, out in 34, had three birdies in succession from the 1 1th. He made a putt of 40 feet for an eagle three at the 16th, where Forsbrand took six after hitting a five-iron into the water.

Couples, also out in 34, kept the United States in the driving seat as Love laboured on the greens. He holed from ten feet for a birdie at the 10th, two-putted the 11th and hit a

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70. 274; F Nobilo (NZ), 71, 67, 69, 67, 276; D Love IB (US), 68, 88, 70, 70, 277; F-U Johansson (Swe), 74, 69, 68, 55, 278; E Els (SA), 70, 69, 69, 71; M A Jiménez (Sp.), 70, 70, 69, 70.

SWIMMING

Foster settles for slim consolation

By Craig Lord

first leading event of the short-

course season, delivered its

due purpose. Foster's effort of

50.13sec was comfortably

who at 6ft 7in stands a

fraction taller than the En-

glishman who trains at Barnet

By the time the European

championships begin at Shef-

field in August, Caron will

have retired, but Foster, 22,

sixth in the final of the 50

metres freestyle at Barcelona,

hopes to reach a peak. "I'm

really pleased with the time. I

wanted to race Stephan but

this was a lesson for me - I

The consolation final, at the haven't raced 100 metres category.

in London, to win the final.

FINAL SCORES FROM MADRID

at the 14th, where Couples needed three putts from 30 feet and Forsbrand made his fourth birdie in seven holes. But Couples, whose career two years ago was regarded as

lovely nine-iron to three feet at

the 12th. Sweden, however,

took the lead for the first time

a study in waste management, recovered with a birdle at the 15th and another at the 16th. Then Love hit a seven-iron close at the 17th, and the Americans strode onto the Love and Forsbrand found

the rough; Couples and Johansson hit the fairway. Love's approach finished 18 feet above the hole, but Johansson made it advantage Sweden when he put his second shot only five feet away. Couples responded with a graceful shot of 119 yards with a pitching wedge and the ball came to rest 15 inches from the cup.

Forsbrand, in a bunker in

two, came out to two feet away, which put the pressure back on Love. He read his putt as having six inches of break. and he read it correctly. The ball disappeared, and Johansson's five-foot putt suddenly looked a lot longer. He, too, looked for it to break from the right, but the ball rolled straight past the hole. Johansson was close to tears. Couples, left with a 15-inch putt, duly holed.

Woosnam had six birdies in seven holes from the 8th, and levered Wales into a challenging position. However, he failed to make another in the last four, finishing in 67, and lost the individual prize when Ogle holed from eight feet at the first extra hole.

properly for three years,

ed by Olympians and those

travelling to Barcelona, Most

impressive was Nick Gilling-

ham, whose easy victory in the

200 metres breaststroke on

Saturday gave the crowd a

glimpse of a rose among

Helen Slatter, of Warring-

ton, battled her way to several

victories and leads three grand

prix categories. The only

home-trained Scot to win a

race was Alison Sheppard,

who leads the sprint freestyle

GOLF

brambles.

The weekend was dominat-

there's a lot more to come."



Holding back the tide: Lowe, of England, tries to stifle New Zealand's Leaver

England face uphill battle

New Zealand....

By Louise Taylor

THE banner unfuried at the expatriate end of Wembley Arena was emblazoned with a simple message. It instructed New Zealand to "Give 'em a taste of Kiwi", and that country's netball players obliged, leaving England second best in every respect on

Wembley is often a sour place for losers and Kendra Lowe, the England captain. could not disguise her disappointment at the scale of the defeat, her side's 38th in 40 meetings with New Zealand.

The red-and whites tried very hard but a black-andwhite always got there first," was her succint summary. England's red-and-whites have another two chances to put things right — at

Manchester on Thursday, and Leicester next Saturday but it is hard to see how. Lowe is due back teaching

PE at a school in Luton today; the rest of her team-mates revert to being secretaries, sales representatives and bank clerks. England assemble again late on Wednesday for two two-hour training sessions before going on court at Manchester. New Zealand will devote four days to fine-tuning including in-creasing concentration.

Not that their minds strayed far on Saturday. Physically, they were half a yard quicker than England, and mentally they were streets ahead. So good was New Zealand's use of space that England soon surrendered the mid-court, where Joan Hodson and her teammates out-thought and outmanoeuvred Fiona Murtagh

and her supporting cast.

It left the defence to con-

tend with a New Zealand attack in which Leonie Leaver scored 36 times from 42 attempts. Her side averaged a goal a minute. New Zealand are second.

to Australia, in the world and England fourth, but Liz Broomhead, the home coach said: "We were shocked. We couldn't compete but will come right by Leicester."

Upbeat words perhaps, but one senses England will only "come right" once the country shrugs off an image, in Lowe's words, of "netball being about young ladies in navy blue knickers running around a playground".

In New Zealand, a television audience of 500,000 watched the Wembley match via satellite. Not bad for a country with a population of about 3.5 million.

BNGLAND: T Papaso (sub: S Fogerty): Y Foster, L. Sdao, F. Munagh, M. Fistrell, K. Lowe, S Young. NEW ZEALAND: L. Leaver; J. Carter, M. Foster, J. Hodson, L. Well, B. Mena (sub: S. George), T. Cax.

Pidcock loads gun for Cutter to fire Neston's bullets

Neston

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

TWO goals by David Cutter. the Welsh international, helped Neston to defeat Bromley at Crystal Palace yesterday for their first win in the Pizza Express National League. Neston built their attacks on

the speed and skills of Pidcock, who moved up from right half to right wing after the Chesh-ire club had lost Bell with a knee injury at the end of the first half.

Bromley, who had the better of the second half, were a little unlucky to lose. They took a long time to settle down after the shock delivered in the second minute by Neston when Cutter volleyed the ball into the net after it had risen off a defender's stick.

Neston's enterprise was further rewarded in the 28th minute when Pidcock set up the chance for Cutter's second goal, obtained with a gentle

push past the goalkeeper. Bromley doubled their effort but a good save by Ashcroft, the Weish goalkeeper, deried Penfold a goal.

Bromley began the second half by forcing their first short corner, from which Richards hit the target to no avail. The shot was disallowed for being too high. in the 43rd minute Hunnisett found a way through the Neston defence but was deprived of a goal by Bradshaw, who saved on the

In the 63rd minute Cuner was denied his third goal by Winter, who saved brilliantly before Bromley launched a strong counter-offensive. However, they had to wait until the last minute for a goal. from a short corner. The first shot by Richards was saved by Ashcroft but Warren followed up to score.

Stourport beat leaders

STOURPORT struck a telling blow in the Pizza Express national league by defeating Hounslow, the first division leaders, 2-1 for their fourth successive victory on Saturday at Feltham School

A sound defence, with Steve Taylor outstanding in goal, and an occasional search along the flanks laid the foundation to Stourport's success, which was achieved with a goal in the fourth minute by Imran Shewani and another in the 46th by Knott. Hourslow replied in the 54th minute from a short corner well struck by Robert Thompson.

With Hounslow's defeat only Stourport and Old Loughtonians are still unbesten after yesterday's results. Southgate, Teddington, East Grinstead and Old Loughtonians are all well in the hunt.

Teddington defeated Cannock 5-1 yesterday after leading 4-1 at half-time.
McGuire scored twice.

Southgate emerged goals by Welch, Waugh from a short corner and two by Gisborne, one from a penalty stroke. Dalley and Bloor

Spencer and Bray lift Ipswich into the lead

IPSWICH moved one point clear at the top of the first division when they beat Hightown 2-0 in an enthralling encounter in the women's national league on Saturday.

A fierce penalty corner drive

by Kusten Spencer and a penalty by Helen Bray in the opening two minutes gave Ipswich a 2-0 lead and presented Hightown with an uphill task, which they bravely took on.

Toby Mullins, the Ipswich coach, praised the excellent performances of the goalkeepers, Carolyn Reid, for Hightown, and Jo Thompson, of Ipwsich. He said: "Our first ten minutes were decisive. At this level you expect teams to come back at you and we held out well. The new players in our team are beginning to

understand one another, and

Tracy Fry's passing gives us an extra dimension.

Fry, a former England and Great Britain international. who has regained her place in the Ipswich squad after hav-ing a buby, combined superbly with Sandie Lister and Bray to dominate the midfield, while the back four competently

Sutton Coldifield moved into second place ahead of Hightown on goal difference. with Slough and Clifter in hot pensuit in joint third position

Competition also intensified in the second division when Trojans eased into pole position after a Sally Gibson treble steered them to a 5-0 win against Cambridge City. but Blueharts, Harleston Magnies and Sherwood are second, two points behind.

BADMINTON HONG KONG: Open tournament: Men's

singles: Semi-Brask: Wi Wenke; (Chris) to Lise kwang-Jin (S Korl, 15-12, 15-7; H Arbe-(Indo) bit Lu Aun (Chira), 15-9, 15-9. Final: Wi Wenke bi Arbie, 15-4, 15-13. Women's singles: Semi-Brask: S Susanti (Indo) to Lim Also Oling (Swe), 0-11, 11-8, 11-2, Sang Soo-Hyun (S Korl bit Y Sentosa (Indo), 12-10, 11-6. Final: Beng Soo-Hyun bit Susanti, 5-11, 11-6, 11-7. 5-11, 11-6, 11-7,

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Brminghern Buleis 103 (Singleton 25, Bis 21), Sunderland Saints 81 (Nottage 26, Dougles 15); Chashire Jets 81 (Nottage 26, Dougles 15); Chashire Jets 81 (Negor 26, Gardener 16), Stantolon Worthing Bears 108 (Welts 18, Netson 19), Derby Bucks 88 (Richell 20); London Tower 79 (P Scantebury 20, F Scantebury 16, Balley 16), Tharms Valley Tiges 73 (N Lloyd 22, St. Kins 17); Manchester Glants 71 (Flutcheaon 16, Lloyd 18, Rogers 16), Lieoseter City Pidiars 79 (Watdron 31, Harns 18), Second division: Doncester Parthern 113, Middlesborough Michaels 82; Ware Flebels 78, Bury Lobos Wardrom 31. Hams 18). Second division:
Doncester Penthers 113, Micdiselson-upin
Mohawis 82; Ware Piebels 78, Bury Lubos
74. Third division: Chitem Fast Breek, 73,
Camberley Engles 64, Guidford 65,
Leicester 84; Swindon Sonics 73, South
London Bephants 80. Women: First
division: Cheshre 48, Milton Kaynes
Cuzikly Cart 43; London Central YMCA 67,
Chesham Ladies 60; Fronde 68, Leicester
60; Sheffield Histers 70, London Jets 47
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NISA): Friday:
New York Knote: 106, Attenta Herke 64,
Boston Celtics 113, Minnesota Timborwolves 92, Chiando Magon 110, Marril Heat
100; New Jersey Neis: 114, Pfedictiphia
76ers 111, Charlotte Homes 128, Washington Busels 119; Charago Bulls 101,
Claveland Caveliers 98, Minkaukee Bucks
89, Detroit Pistons 81; Golden State
Warnors 129, Uteh Jezz 114; Seatile
SuperSonics 111, Houston Rockets 94; Los
Angeles Lakers 114, Los Angeles Ciropers
112 [O1], Secamento Kings 114, San
Antonio Spurs 106, Seturday; Detroit
Pistons 89, Indiene Pacers 87, Miam Heet
106, New Jessey Neis 94; New York Knocks
80, Philadolphar 78ers 85; Orlando Magoc
103, Washington Bullets 88; Golden State
Warnors 121, Minnesota Timberwows 109;
Miller 112, Minnesota Timberwows 109;
Miller 113, Minnesota Timberwows 109;
Miller 114, Minnesota Timberwows 109;
Miller 115, Minnesota Timberwows 109;
Miller 115, Minnesota Timberwows 109;
Miller 117, Minnesota Timberwows 109;
Miller 118, Miller 118, Miller 118, Miller 119, M

9th md LAKE TAHOE Newada: WBC super-featherwieght champlonehip: Azumeh Nelson (Ghana) bit Celvin Grove (US), pts.

Univ., 13:55.00, K1: 1, I Tordoff (Chester), 11:32:10; 2, A Tordoff (Chester), 11:30:30; 3, N Stamps (Fretwell Downing), 11:37:70. Team: Chester (I Tordoff, A Tordoff and M Williams), 25 pts. Women: C1: 1, K Poner (Lecis), 13:25:80; 2, T Parsons (Nottingham), 13:45:90; 3, J Hands (Nottingham), 14:00:70.

SHEFFIELD SHELD (find day of lour):
Sydney: New South Wates 377-8 dec (M.
Taylor 102, M. Waugh 88, M. Bevan 88, T.
Beylass 84; M. G. Hughes 5-83; Victoria 4657 (W. Philipa 205, S. O'Donnell 67;
Brisbane: South Australia 178 and 201-6 (G.
Brisbane: South Australia 198 and 68; D.
Hckiey 4-120).
CLRARE CUP (find day of lour): Johannesburg: Western Province 410-8 dec. (A. J.
Lamb 134, G. Kristen 103) and 46-3;
Trensvaal 333 (S. J. Cook 123, D. Cullinan 72.
C. Matthews 6-50). Petermanicipumg: Border 199 and 281 (P. N. Kinsten 68; M. D.
Mershall 4-61); Natal 210 (J. N. Phodes 67; P.
McCurdy 5-54) and 167-3 (Phodes 68 not out). Biogenitorisch: Eastern Province 337
(E.A. E. Begliste 66, M. Pushmers 85; and 85-5; Crange Free State 230 (O. Herny 79;
Baptiste 5-51).

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HBLL CLMB: RTTC National championship (Chapel Felt, Co Durham, 1.8 miles). 1.

S Dangerfield (Lee RC., Smin 44,9sec; 2.)

Whight (Tyne Velo), 9:04.7; 3. PLongbottom
(GS Smadel), 9:28.8 Tearn: Dinnington RC
29:54.8.

GYCLO-CROSS: Scottlish national championship (King's Perk, Glasgow, 18
miles), 1, 3 Grant (Calmoom CC), 1.08:33;
2, M Graham (Perinculk RT), 1:10-11; 3, 6

Buchsnan (Lomond RCC), 1:11 26, BCCA
national valetarian championship (Lanong, Sussex, 8 miles); 1, L Lioyd (Didoot
Phoenus, 5:104; 2, 1 Jewell (Festivel RC),
52:05; 3, 0 Lloyd (Didoot Phoenud, 52:45,
Colchester Rovers (Mastey, 14 miles); G
Saleer (Condon), 1 09:44. St Helens CRC
Shandisy Park, 12 miles); F Salmon (Oxides
Peupeol), 1:05:18 Bosson Wheelers
(Wyberton, 12 miles); S Batton (VC Lincoln)
1:05:05, Royal Sutton CC (Birmingham, 10
miles); G Foord (Warnbiey RC), 1:03:05 CS
Ownsino (Bornouth, 10 miles); W Burgess
(Shalicion Kestrask), 1:01:12, Ruttand CC
Shalifield, 10 miles); B Johnson (Paragon
RT), 1:00.10, Kirkby CC (Merseyside, 12
miles); J Shaddeton (Bewated RT), 45:05,
Belper RC (Darby, 8 miles); G Foord
(Warnbiey RC), 52:08. Aero 8C (Rominord,
12 miles), R Eden (Or Your Blee), 1:10:15.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE: Tyneside Open chemplonehips: Men's foit: 1, G Ablett (Sussex House); 2, H Lancester (Sussex House); equal 3, D McKenze (Aleadowbenty, B Roscipline (Sussex House); 5. D Whiting (Salle Paul); 8, P Welsh (Sussex House); Women's foil: 1, S Mauthy (Salle Paul); 2, H Kay (York); aqual 3, F Cowen (Much Wenfock), K Saller (Bellehoustom); 5. C Clare: 6, A Merte. FOOTBALL

9CHOOLS MATCHES: Bradfield 3, Elen 0; Cardinal Yeughan 0, Alleyn's, Dulmich 2: Charterfouse 6. Winchester 1; Fonest 11, Kimbolton 4; Highate 5 Westminster 1.

wich 4, Charlton 1. BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF FRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne 1, Derry 2. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Salford 1, Prescot SCHOOLS MATCH: Adicies Under-19 Trophy: Berkshire 1, Somerset 2.

MEDICO CITY: Medican Open champion-ship: Third round (US unless stated): 198: T Stackmarn, Es, 68, 68, 21: S Eleington (Jus.), 69, 66, 67, 203: J Haas, 69, 66, 68, 206: J Cook, 62, 70, 73, 208: L Clements, 70, 68, 70, 208: J Sindelar, 69, 72, 67, T Lehmen, 68, 70, 70; T Armour, 71, 67, 70; V Regalado, 69, 67, 72, J Brito (Mex), 69, 67, 72 Regulado, 69, 67, 72, J Brito (Mex), 69, 67, 72, 72

RASAT, Morocco: Hassan ti Trophy: Final scores (US unless stated): 281: P Stewart, 87, 70, 72, 72, D Wothing, 70, 72, 69, 70 (Stewart won sudden-death play-off), 282: D Torns, 71, 72, 72, 69, 283: J M Carizzaes (Sp), 70, 70, 72, 71, 284: B Glasson, 69, 72, 70, 73; B Clast, 69, 71, 71, 74, 285: D Edwards, 73, 72, 71, 69, B British scores 289: HANNO, Japan; US UPGA tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 205: E King, 66, 72, 25 (von play-off): HARredscon (Swe), 69, 66, 71, 206: A Fazman, 67, 69, 70, 206: A Pali, (Pr), 70, 73, 66, 210: T Berrett, 73, 71, 66; N Yoshidawe (Japan), 72, 68, 70: D Andraws, 69, 71, 70: L Davies (GS), 68, 72, 70 in Scratton, 71, 67, 72, 211: D Richard, 70, 69, 72, M McGenn, 69, 70, 72, B Muche, 68, 72, 73.

GYMNASTICS LEEDS: Yorkshire open competition: Teams: 1. KSI Budapest, 164.40; 2. Artibes, 159.70; 3. Leeds, 156.5. individ-usi: 1, A Osterinko (Moscow Dynamo), 57.20; 2. A Woods (Eston), 55.50; 3. C Reinbird (Huddersteid), 54.70. Under-16: 1, A Kasschov (Moscow Dynamo), 55.90; 2. K Jordanov (KSI Budapest), 52.20; 3. D Brindle (Leeds), 51.20.

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE:
First clivision: Tecdington 1, Webon 1;
Hourslow 1, Stourport 2, Substant 1, Stourp
2: Bournwite 0, Cannock 1; Bournwite 2;
Southgese 4; Bromley 1, Neston 2; Carmock
1, Teddington 5; Centerbury 2, Ook
1, Teddington 5; Centerbury 2, Ook
1, Teddington 5; Centerbury 2, Ook
1, Teddington 6; Centerbury 2, Ook
1, Teddington 1; Centerbury 2, Ook
1, Teddington 1; Centerbury 2, Ook
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1, Berlord Tigers 3; Richmond 1, Breen 0;
Vannington 1, Cambridge City 2, NORWICH UNION EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE Premier division: Estop's
Stortford 2, Ipswich 4; Colchester 3, Luton
1, Dereham 1, Fond 0; Pelcans 2, Rechridge and Rord 3; Resistonough 1,
Crostyx 2; Stevenge 2; Brothouste 0;
Weal Herts 0, Centbridge Linversey 11,
PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE? Premier division:
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Pramier division B: City of Portsmouth Old Bordentans 0; Dutwich 1, Wolving Fareham 0, Chichester 2; Gore Court Chesm 0; Spencer 3, Old Williamsomans Fereham 0, Chichester 2, Gore Court 3, Chesm 0; Spencer 3, Old Williamsonans 0; Winchester 1, Merden Russets 0, Regionals: Hempshire/Surrey; Andover 0, Barries 1; Goan 1, Metropolitan Police 0; Hambis Cid Boys 3, Ovshort 3; Lensbury 1, Essom 1; Mertop Old Mid Whitgitters 0; Old Edwardients 0, Camborley 1; Phrell 1, Fleet 1, Mern/Sussex; BMC 0, Essibourne 1; Bognor 1, Nerne Bey 2; Crowborough 0; Sevenoalss 2; Gravesend 2; Greenwich 0; Lewes 1, Brighton 1, Midland Bank 0, Old Becostremiens 0; Mid Sussex 4, Rochester and Gillinghem 2; Old Holcombelans 1, Tonbridge 0, MiddlyBerlayBucks and Oxon; City of Oxford 1, NPL 2; Gernards Cross 1, Bracknall 3; Hendon 1, Monton Coxon; City of Codord 1, NPL 2; Gernards Cross 1, Bracknall 3; Hendon 1, Monton C, Southpase Addelade 4, Erifield 0. LACE MAWER NORTH WEST LEAGUE-First division; Cheetham Hill 1, Winnington Park 1, Desibel Rambisms 2, Presond 3; Glaso 2, Bramhell 2; Manchester 5, West Derby 2; Northop Hel 3, St Annet 6; Chotham 2, Manchester 1, NoRTH EAST LEAGUE: First division; Billingham 6, Mospeth 0, Carliste 2, Tyriddale 0; Durham I Myesser 1; Medicand 2; Menchester 1, NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division; Billingham 6, Mospeth 0, Carliste 2, Tyriddale 0; Durham I Myesser) 2; Erick 1, President 1, Westernouth 2, Monton III 3, Redcar 0; Newcastle University 11, 2, Tyriddale Parmiser Gueleron 3, Midland Staffer 1, Parmiser Gueleron 3, Middand 1, Wellingham 6, Mospeth 0, Carliste 2, Tyriddale C, Durham I Myesserity 11, 2, Tyriddale Parmiser Gueleron 5, Middand 1, Wellingham 6, Mospeth 0, Carliste 2, Tyriddale C, Parmiser Gueleron 1, Wellingham 6, Marchester 1, Middand 1, Wellingham 6, Mospeth 0, Carliste 2, Tyriddale C, Parmiser Gueleron 1, Wellingham 6, Middand 1, Wellingham 6, Marchester 1, Middand 1, Wellingham 6, Middand 1, Wellingham 6, Middand 1, Wellingham 1

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDIANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgnorth 1, Laicester Westleigh 2, Edigbesson 3, Derby 1; Humpton m Arden 2, Wornester Norton 4; -: EIXTURES

FOOTBALL Premier League Oloham v Norwich DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Yeading. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Embey v Goole. Emiley v Goore.

BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES
CUP: Second round: Chaimsford v
Dunstable: Forest Green v Witney.

SOLIASH: Pirmit's Premier League

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Late Philips Cup: Taunton v Heavitree; Welton Rovers v Sunton v Heavitree; Jangotsfeld. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Blackburn v Newcastle (7.0); Lalossier v Aston Vila (7.0); Second division: Mansfield v Scanthorpe (7.0); Coventry v Bractiord (7.0). NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsee'v Totanham (7.0): RUGBY UNION Tour match Wakefield v Griqualand West (SA) (7.15)... OTHER SPORT SNOCKER: Benson and Hedges champ

Khalsa 1, Belper 1; Olton and W Warwicks 3, Coventry and N Warwicks 2.
ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Plrat division: Aiderley Edge 1, Ben Brydding 1; Formby 2, Norton 0; Timperley 1, Durham University 0; Weikefeld 1, Hightown Northern 1; York 2, Shaffield 2. Second division: Bowdon 1, Shaffield Benkers 0, Knutstord 0, Wiger 0; Presion 1, Harrogate 4; Springfield 2, Heilitet 3; Sunderland 1, Southport 2, Swalwell 2, Stockton 1. Swanse 2, Stockon 1.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Doncaster 0, Ciffon 1; Ealing 1, Belsen Leicester 0; First Personnel Sutton Coldfield 5, Whitbladon 0; Ipowich 2, Hightown 0; Pickwick 2, Cheimstord 2, Stough 3, Embouth 0, Second division: Bradford 2, Yate 1, Harlestown 2, Colwell 0; Sharwood 1, Bradmell 1; Sunderland Bedans 1, Blushars 2, Trojens 5, Cambridge City 0.

Leomanster 1: Swandon 2, BAC 0.

AEWHA Cupt: Second round: Ashford 1.

Hounslow 2; BAC 4, Brockenath 0; Bedford

1. Brosbourne 1; (Bedford won 6-2 on
persety-strakes); Berkhamsted 3, Rockenter 0; Brashwood 0, Redbridge 2; Buckingham 0, Guiddod 1; Camberley 1, GRFC 0;
Centachury 8, Burgess Hill 0; Cheltenherr 4,
Wootton Bassael 0; Chester CO 4,
Edgbaston 0; Christchusch 1, Dubsich 4;
Durham Caly 1, Newcastle 6; Exeter 2,
Weymouth 0; Exister University 3, Falmouth
1; Fredbrands 0, Green Dragons 0 (3-1);
Glouester 0, Pressed Steel 2; Harryston 6,
Sileby 0; Holmes Chepel 1, Loughborough
1; Cr. Luzawoth 0, Northernpton 0 (3-6);
Marlow 1, Bournernouth 1 (2-3); Mathock 0,
Layland Motors 1; Morpeth 2, Greest
Harwood 2 (5-3); NPL 1, Wolding 7;
Ormsidik 4, Certiliae 0; Felicare 1, Sil Nes 6;
Reading 4, Potysechnic 0; Rughly GEC 0,
Loughborough Studenta 7; S. Absenti 7;
Reading University 0; St. Austel 5, Lytchett
Minaser 1; Santona 3, Littigion 0; Southampton 4, West Wits 0; Springfolds 1,
Alchdige 3; Surbton 0, Old Loughtonlers 5;
Swindon 3; West Wins 2, Iring 0, Harnowd
(0-3); Tulse Hill 3; Ipswich and ES 0;
Westington 1, Hendon 3; Wellyn 1,

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NPL): Friday: Detroited Wings 5. Henrich Whisters 2: Edmonton Otiers 8, Winnipeg Jets 1: Temps Bay Lightning 2: Westlangton Capitals 2: (OT): Verschurder Caruchs 4. Ottaws Senators 1: Seburday: Philadelphia Piyers 4, St. Louis Blues 2: Chicago Beachtawks 7. Cueloc Nordiques 4: New York Flangers 2: Boston Bruins 2: (OT): Westlangton Capitals 6, Hartford Whalers 2: Tamps Bay Lightning 8, New York Islanders 5: (OT): Edmonton Class 2: Minnesote North Sters 2: (OT): Montreal Caraciters 5. Destor Red Wings 1; Toronton Mapie Leafs 4. Philabungh Panguins 2: New Jessey Devis 6, Sen Jose Sharks 1: Los Angeles Kings 5, Ben Jose Sharks 1: LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND FLAGS (men): First round: Asiston 16, Wilmslow 5; Timperley 11, Poynton 10, SOUTH SENIOR COUNTY TOURNAMENT: Middlesex 6, Sursey 8; Sursey 8, Sursey 6, Sursey won on goal everage (at Reigates), UNIVERSITIES TRANSQUAR TOURNAMENT (women): Oxford 11, Cambridge 1; Oxford 8, London 7 (at Motepur Park). NETBALL

REAL TENNIS CLUS MATCH: Seacourts 3, MCC 2 (Seacourts names lirst): N Paterson lost to R Devis, 6-4, 6-3; P Hickman by N Lester, 6-2, 6-1; M Loate lost to J Parker, 6-2, 6-4, R Thompson bt D Plarmen, 6-1, 6-1; C Devicy bt P Allen, 6-3, 6-2.

REGAL TROPHY: First round: Saturday: Wigen 62, Cacassome 0, Yesterday: Balley 6, Hunslet 13: Bradford 70, Barrow 10; Branley 12; Cartiste 16; Donosster 4, Workington 30; Heilfax 76, Notampham City 6; Hull 122, Dowebury 16; Hull 124 48, Whitehearon 4; Leigh 32, Kaspiley 24; London Crussders 30, Walefalad D: Oldram 22, Castisford 40; Rocholele 32, Castisfan XIII 16; St. Heilens 15, Leeds 14; Selford 14, Fossherstone 18, Warrington 31, Sheffield 16; Wichele 46, Ryaddel York 4, YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Balley 28, Bradford Northern 20, Second christon cup: First round: Huddessfield 24, Swinton 29; Hunslet 13, Sheffield 10; Kalchley 8, Dewebury 22; Leigh 16, Hernel Hernesteed 6.

ACADEMY: Hull IR 18, Selford 6; Werring-ton 14, Hull 13. ton 14, Hull 13.
Late results on Fridey
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: Past division:
Hallian 34, Hull 14; Hull KR 30, Widnes 16;
St Hitlers 34, Hull 14; Hull KR 30, Widnes 16;
St Hitlers 35, Second division: Oblinam
64, Doncaster 8.

SNOOKER GLASGOW: Berson and Hedges champ-lonship: Seventh round (England unless stated): C Small (Scot) bt C Edwards, 5-3; P

"你会是我的最高的 Lines bt M Hallett, 5-1; A Robidoux (Carr) bt W Jones (Wales), 5-1; T Drago (Malta) bt D Harold, 5-2; J Birch bt R Lawler, 6-3; A McMarius (Scot) bt E Henderson (Scot), 5-1; W Thoma bt D Reynolds, 5-0; A Hamilton bt T Shaw, 5-3. **RUGBY UNION**

TOUR MATCH: Rousellion Selection 10, Argentins XV 13 (in Perpignan). Late results on Friday CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Velle 21, Ponty-pried 24; Lianell 36, Bristol 10. SQUASH

KEEL, Germany: European open champ-ionship: Quarter-firetis: R Martin (Aus) bt B Mertin (Aus), 15-8, 15-8, 11-15, 9-15, 15-6; 14 Weens (Ger) bt 7 Nancarrow (Aus) bt R 16-11, 16-7, 15-2; C Dittorer (Aus) bt R Normen (Au2), 15-4, 15-11, 15-11, Seasy-finetis: C Dittorer (Aus) bt H Wiene (Ger), 15-9, 15-7, 17-14; R Martin (Aus) bt C Walker (Eng), 15-7, 17-14; 15-6; Finet; Dittorer bt Martin, 9-15, 15-10, 15-8, 15-9. SWIMMING

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CUNREPNAULD: Speedo British grandpric First round: Saturday: Merc 200rs
rheestyle: 1, P Howe (Cby of Birmingham),
min S0.51esc; 2, J Bradley (Mangavis and
Bearden), 1:51.21; 3, S Caron (Racing
Club de Paris), 1:53.44. 200m bacistrolez;
1, G Robins: Protramouth Northeas),
2:01.55; 2: S Medor (Satellis), 2:03.87; 3, J
Höldman (Stockport Metro), 2:04.48, 200m
bresstandez; 1, N Gillingham (Chy or
Birmingham), 2:12.40; 2, M van Rijn Azv,
Holl, 2:18.53; 3, N Hudghenn (Chy or
Birmingham), 2:12.40; 2, M van Rijn Azv,
Holl, 2:18.53; 3, N Hudghenn (Chy or
Birmingham), 2:12.40; 2, M van Rijn Azv,
Holl, 2:18.53; 3, N Hudghenn (Chy or
Birmingham), 2:14.50; 3, N Hudghenn (Chy or
Birmingham), 2:14.80; 3, N Hudghenn (Chy of Leeds), 2:04.56; 3,
Höldman, 2:04.96; 4, x 50m freestyle relay;
1, Mingavis and Bearsden, 1:50.16; 2,
Loughborough, 1:50.86; 2, Cumbensauld,
1:51.46; Woman: Som freestyle: 1, A
Shepsan (Mingavis and Bearsden), 28:14;
2, D van der Prests (De Dollin; Holl), 22.724;
800m freestyle: 1, S Foggo (Newcassle),
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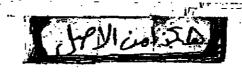
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CAP CHASE

Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent, examines the success of schemes to unearth world-class talent British tennis still awaits its young champion

IT IS 7pm and Jeremy Bates. erstwhile Wimbledon hero, sits in a deserted dressing-room in the Telford racquet centre. He has just administered a sharp nutorial to Michael Wyeth, an unknown qualifier, in the quarter-final of the Volkswagen national tennis championships on his way to a fourth national title but has been impressed by what he has seen. Impressed and frustrated. "The guy can play. But where has he been for the past few years? To be honest. I'd never heard of him."

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Like so many. Wyeth, in his words, has spent much of his time "lingering around" on the fringes of the British game. He joined a tennis squad hased at Arsenal Football Club at the age of 16 and stayed two years until the scheme folded for lack of cash. Since then, he has been paying his way by coaching members at his tennis club in Bracknell. Wyeth is already 10, too skinny in body and mind to be ready for the professional ranks, too skint

to be able to get the internation-'It's dying in the schools, al experience partly because if you're Another crumb not a player it's a very of talent fallen hard game to coach. It's from a high table already on very hit or miss. We short rations. just hope one might hit.

For Bates and his fellow No. 1. Durie, national champion for the seventh time at the age of 32, the week is a nice little earner. £9.000 for the champions, with some pride at stake on the side. Compared to the rigours of the tour, it is

easy money. On the balcony overlooking the main courts at Telford, known colloquially as the Bridge of Sighs. Richard Lewis, the head of national training, surveys his kingdom. This is the showcase of British tennis, but Lewis wears the bleak look of a window-dresser in a Bulgarian department store. In the absence of Andrew Richardson, his most promising junior. resources are limited, realism the only source of comfort. "To be honest. I wouldn't put my house on any of the players I've seen here this week, but I'd be more willing to nut it on one of our ten-year-olds

coming through," he says.

Lewis occupies one of the least enviable posts in British sport. He is the man responsible for producing our elusive Wimbledon champion. for sifting out fact from the stream of opinion that flows through the week and for maintaining, in the face of considerable evidence to the contrary, that there is "gold in them that hills". outrageous It should have hap-

if there are more rewarding jobs. Like searching for the Yen or the Loch Ness monster.

On the face of it, the investment of £55 million - the amount Wimbledon has brought in to the Lawn Tennis Association coffers over the past ten years - has done nothing to close the gap between the British and the international game. Yes, there are more indoor courts, more tournaments, more coaches and more registered players than before. The LTA has employed top-class names - Tony Pickard, Ian Barclay, Olga Morozova. But the improvements in the base of the pyramid have yet to be reflected at the top. Only Durie and Monique Javer are in

So Lewis bases his defence of the system on scraps of promise and belief. "Two coaches have come up to me separately today to tell me how good their six-year-olds are."

the world's top 100, men or

he says. "Six year olds? A few years ago, they would arrested for coaching sixvear-olds. Now the attitude has changed. It's no longer tea

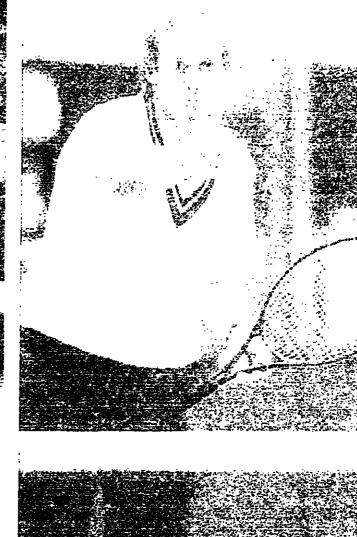
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sandwiches. People are beginning to understand what it takes to be a professional tennis player." But if a player has talent, would he be sure of getting the right guidance? The answer is guarded. "A lot of things can go wrong. But I am confident they would get the right help now depending which area they come from." Below him, Durie, at only 60

per cent capacity because of a sore ankle, is having no difficulty winning her semi-final against Valda Lake. Lake does not have the weight of shot or the ringcraft to bother the defending champion. She dropped out of the game two years ago to go to art college. but came back and still has hopes of breaking into the top 150. "I have no regrets about taking that time away. I just wasn't happy travelling around on my own. But she is now 24, well past sell-by date for professional tennis. Earlier in the week, she had

beaten one of the better girls, Lorna Woodroffe. "She's a good player, lots of talent. But she was whizzing around the court, not really thinking about what she was doing. I'm still learning about tactics now and, really, that's





Working for British tennis: Bates, left, flies the flag as Britain's No. 1 at Telford yesterday while Lloyd coaches youngsters during a visit from Los Angeles

pened years ago. Against Durie. Lake struggies and loses 6-1, 6-3. She is playing at a different tempo, a harder, faster, stronger game," she moans. Durie said roughly the same after a defeat by Jennifer Capriati last year. Many of Lake's contemporaries

Sarah Loosemore. Samaniha Smith and Annabel Croft - have hit the wall and not bounced back. Why? "It's easy to say professional tennis is not a nice life for a young girl," Lake says. "That's rubbish. The problem is that the system is very much group oriented and yet they are hoping for one individual to become a champion." From the sidelines, Don Davies.

tennis enthusiast and author of

Psychological Factors in Competitive Sport, feels British players lack both brain and brawn. "We produce a lot of lightweight players. who are governed by a fear of failure. When they are put under stress, they don't know how to cope because they have never been taught the mental skills."

Durie is coached by Alan Jones. one of the more trenchant critics of the system. He has started his own pilot scheme in Essex, trying to get coaches into primary schools. The project is in danger of folding for want of a sponsor. The problem. he says, is the clubs. "Most clubs have only five or six courts and after 5pm, the kids get kicked off. So even if they get interested. they're not able to develop. The base is not broad enough, so our top level is mediocrity."

Away from the main hail, John Lloyd, the former British No. 1, is doing his bit to find what he terms "the needle in the haystack". Every morning, against a backgrop resembling a VW car showroom, he takes a coaching clinic for schoolchildren and club members. His first group of the day have travelled three hours from a school in Harlech, where there are a total of four tarmac courts. He plays a game with the group, won by a boy in Napoli FC strip. "How often do you play?" Lloyd asks. "A few hours a week in the summer. Not much in winter," the boy replies.

His nearest indoor court is an hour

The clinics have been organised by Cathie Sabin, a local schoolteacher and one of the many dedicated amateurs on which British tennis relies. She encourages tennis in her own school, but does not hold out much hope. "It's dying in the schools, partly because if you're not a player it's a very hard game to coach," she says, "It's very much hit or miss. We just hope one of those here this week might hit."

Lloyd himself, now a resident of Los Ángeles, is not much more buoyani. "The kids seem so introverted. The group this morning were the first with any spark. You

feel like putting dynamic under some of them. Lloyd, though, is encouraged by one thing. This year, largely because of Agassi's influence on the street, about tenhave actually wanted to be professional tennis players. Last year nobody would own up to having that dream. But they're just not tough enough. Yes I want them to respect me, but I also want them to say I'm going to show you how good I am' and, on the whole I don't see that animide." Nor does he feel that the game is being runby the right people. "They are wellmeaning, but are just not nutbless enough to succeed and if they

out. It's as simple as that."

IN BRIEF

Becker beats

Forget in

Paris victory

Borns Becker beat Guy Forget.

of France, the defending

champion, yesterday to win

the Paris Open tennis champ-

ionship and earn a place in

this months ATP world

Becker, who was ranked

No. I in the world in 1991.

had appeared to be heading

for competitive oblivion but he

played his best tennis for

nearly two years to win 7-o. o-

First for Nicholas

Golf: Geoff Nicholas, the Aus-

traitan profesional, who had

his right leg amputated balon

the knee, won the first pay

cheque of his career in a

competition against able-bod-

ted players in Auckland this

weekend, Nicholas 31, tied

for 40th place in the Air New

Zealand/Shell open champi-

championship.

CRICKET

Donald delivers injury scare

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN VERWOERDBURG

AS THUNDERSTORMS disrupted the Indians' match with a President's XI here vesterday. South African cricket heaved a large sigh of relief that an injury to Allan Donald, the fast bowler, was not as serious as first thought.

Donald pulled muscle fibres in his stomach playing for Orange Free State in Bloemiontein on Saturday and withdrew from the match. Donald. initially, was told he would be unable to how! for two weeks but the doctor later revised his opinion.

With intensive treatment, it is felt Donald should be able to play in the first Test match in Durban next Friday South Africa announce their team today and Donald is the linehpin of an attack expected to be built around pace.

South African reservations alrout the Indians' ability to play fast bowling were strengthened when the President's XI gained a first-in-

Bad light saves Kiwis after Crowe hits 104

Harare: A fine 140 from Martin Crowe highlighted the first day of the second Test maich here on Saturday as New Zealand reached 314 for six by the close. Zimbabwe had the better of

the opening and closing sessions during the first day's play, which ended 35 minutes early because of bad light.

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nings lead of 104. Brett Schultz, one of the few left-arm fast bowlers in this country. took five for 35 in a hostile Schultz, 22, narrowly

missed World Cup selection earlier this year. Lyle, another strongly built and promising fast bowler, took three wickets and both outshone Bosch, who won a Test can against West Indies last April. Final exams to qualify as a dental surgeon have left Bosch short of match play and he bowled Srinath and Shastri were

the main wicket-takers as the President's XI progressed, between the storms, to 200 in their second innings. The Indians, left to make 305 to win, were nine without loss by the close. The four-day game PRESIDENT'S XL: First Innungs 268 (W. J. Cronje 72)

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S L V Rayu in Schultz
S Barnerjee c Bosch in Schultz
C M Sharma not out
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Total 164
FALL OF WICKETS 1-39, 2-42, 3-68, 4-71, 5-74, 6-115, 7-115, 8-117, 9-138
BOMLING Bosch 120-65-2, Schultz 17-7-35-5, Lyle 15 4-5-36-3, Rundle 10-2-22-0

Second innings R J Shastri not out W V Raman not out

Total (no wkt) BOWLING Schutz 3-0-8-0 (w 2). Lyle 2-1-1-0; Bosch 1-1-0-0

New Zealand cruise as captain takes charge

Harare: Like his World Cup
opponents earlier this year.
Zimbawe are probably already
sick of the sight of Martin
Crowe. Yesterday, for the second day in a row, he savaged
their bowling, scoring 94 to
lead New Zealand to a comto be a computation of the second of the fortable victory in the second one-day international.

The New Zealand captain. who scored a superb century on the opening day of the first Test on Saturday, carried on where he had left off, seemingly unaffected by the unprecedented mid-Test switch to limited-overs cricket.

Chasing Zimbabwe's 271 for six off 50 overs, Crowe launched New Zealand to a four-wicket win, and a 2-0 series triumph, with 3.1 overs remaining. Coming to the crease when New Zealand had lost three wickets for 16 runs. Crowe took only 87 balls to reach his 94. He hit eight fours and a six and shared a

Extras (fb 7, w 3, nb 5)

bal. FALL OF WICKETS 1-124, 2-130, 3-199, 4-221, 5-232, 6-261 BOWLING Su'a 10-0-36-1 (nb 5), Patel 10-0-48-1, Watson 9-0-61-1 (w 2), Lartsen 10-0-45-0; Hams 10-0-60-2 (w 1), Lattam 1-0-

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b G W Flower . C Z Harms to Brean
D N Palet not out
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bar FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-113, 3-114, 4-244, 5-256, 6-267 BOWLING: Brain 5-1-27-7 (w.3); Ranched 10-1-44-1 (w.3); Shah 5-0-31-0; Brandes 8-5-0-7-3 (w.4, nb.5); Traicos 10-1-50-0, G W. Fibers 7-0-38-1

Haynes is quick to take control

Perth: Taking full advantage of a Western Australian attack weakened when Bruce Reid. the Test bowler, broke down with a shoulder injury, the West Indies batsmen built a big second-innings lead by the end of the third day's play

Reid, 29, who has not had a season without injury since 1987 and is expected to partner Craig McDermon in the Test series, managed seven overs before going off with tendinitis. Western Australia hoped he would have recov-ered sufficiently to bowl on the

final day of the four-day game. Desmond Haynes made the most of Reid's absence to steer West Indies to 235 for three in their second innings, a lead of 27b. Western Australia declared their first innings in the rain-affected match at 239 for seven.

Haynes hit ten boundaries, passing his 50 in 100 minutes. Keith Arthurton also reached a half century, off the last ball of the day.

Brian Lara contributed an attractive 46, to follow his 55 on Friday, but was caught at point by Justin Langer, cutting a short ball from Jo Angel. Carl Hooper was 42 not out at the close. (Reuter)

WEST INDIANS: First Innings 280 (8 Citizens 55, Dil Hanner 52 U Ci Adams 52) Stress (6.4, 6.4 nb.4) 90W(not), Reid 7-1-27-0 inb 3) Julian 14-3-42-1 (nb. 1): Alderman 12-3-41-1, Angel 13-4-31-1, Zoekter 16-2-56-0 Andrews 0-0-

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Manchester rejects thoughts of bartering for 2000 Games

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ACAPULCO

MANCHESTER is resisting the bidding campaign for the chance to host the Olympic Games of 2000 being turned into an auction. Peking and Sydney, which would impose high travel costs on a majority of other countries, are offering free transport to all competitors and officials.

Addressing the International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board. Bob Scott, the chairman of the Manchester 2000 committee, said: "Maybe you are expecting me to top the massive inducement on travel and accommodation that Sydney and Peking are putting on the table to overcome their problem of distance. We won't do this. We will give help, generous help, to those who need it. For countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America, these will pay nothing, but we regard it

as unnecessary to give free travel to every nation." Manchester is concentrating primarily on the quality of its projected new venues, on the traditional sporting profile of Britain, on administrative competence and on Manchester's multi-ethnic contemporary social background. A video portraying the British cultural panorama received spontaneous applause at the

THE 1.6-mile ascent of Cha-

pel Fell, in Weardale, proved

too long for Jeff Wright, the

favourite, in vesterday's nat-

ional hill climb championship

(Peter Bryan writes). Wright

succumbed to Stuart Danger-

field, the bronze medal winner

in 1990 and again last year.

There were 64 non-starters

from the 120 original entrants

for the event, which was

postponed a formight earlier

when the area was under

presentation to the Association of National Olympic Committees congress of 183 nations here last week

The presence of Craig Reedie, the newly-elected chairman of the British Olympie Association, has given Manchester a discernible lift in credibility. Reedie is widely respected for the establishment of badminton as a well marketed and intelligently projected sport, an achievement that will be reflected on Manchester

The mood during the past week is that Sidney and Peking remain the straw-poll leaders, with Manchester closing in third place. Berlin and Milan challenge Manchester as the best bid from Europe. and are now themselves being challenged by Istanbul, the potential of which is becoming regurdea as serious. Milan. though still having little from the ground", have ingenious stadium plans and have been consolidated by the belated commitment of Coni. their national Olympic committee.

I increasingly sense that, as in 1960 — when the votes of Atlanta and Toronto ultimately amalgamated behind Atlanta to deleat Athens - there is the possibility that the Sydney/Munchester support

CYCLING

Dangerfield rises above favourite

to Chris Boardman last year.

Dangerfield and Peter Long-

bottom lived up to their top

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Wright, on a multi-geared

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But Wright, the runner-up

could combine to defeat Peking.

Fencing, one of the original and most traditional of Olympic sports, may have saved its | skin for a continuing place into the 21st century. For the centenary Games in Atlanta in 1996, fencing has been radically reorganised. Together with modern pentathlon, fencing has been re-

garded as one of the most vulnerable sports and a candidate for exclusion: highly technical, comparatively few competitors, difficult to telerise and with a minimum of live speciators. With 50 hours. fencing was seventeenth in the table of televised hours among the 28 sports in Barcelona, midway between attletics 1255 hours) and modern pentathlon (1/2 hours).

For Atlanta, the fencing tederation has tightened its competition schedule from ten days to six, with head-to-head "match-play" and only two fencing mats: thereby streamlining a sport that has previously tended to look like a disorganised training session. "It is important that Olympic sports are seen to be

attractive." Gilbert Felli, the IOC sports director, the technical adviser to all federations. said vesterday.

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20 seconds in arrears, the

championship runner-up. 'It

was all I could do to finish."

Wright said.

Dittmar impresses Squash: Chris Diffmar won

the Telekom European Open championship resterday with an authoritiive \$1-minute 0-15, 15-10, 15-3, 15-9 win over his Australian compatriof, Rodney Martin,

Canadians in Motorcycling: The 500cc

world championship will be increased by two races next season, with Canada hosting a grand prix for the first time. England beaten

Football: The England

women lost 3-0 (6-2 on aggregater to halv at Alillmoor. home of Rotherham United. on Saturday, Italy go through to the semi-finals of the UErA championships next June

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Rowing: Alan Whitwell, the coach of the successful Erita' lightweight men's squad (the past two years. has acceed an offer to become c' coach of the Norweg.

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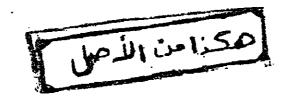
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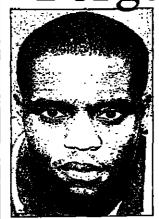
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Ferguson seeks urgent remedy for the United attack



Atkinson: fine goal

Manchester United 0 By David Powerl

EVEN Aston Villa's second victory in a fortnight over the club that dismissed him offered Ron Atkinson no cure for the common cold. But while Atkinson went in search of a hot brandy. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, left Villa Park on Saturday to find a hot goalscorer.

United are goalless from

is beginning to hurt. Their poor strike rate in the second half of last season cost them

ing again.

They slipped from seventh to tenth while Villa rose from fourth to third. "Our defending has always been more than reasonable," Ferguson said. But he added: "But we still did not look like scoring, and that is the area where we need a break more than

Or fresh impetus, especially as Dublin, their only recent forward addition, has broken there, Ferguson said, if he wanted to buy and that option

Although he has Tore Andre Dahlum, the Norway international forward, at Old Trafford on loan, Ferguson does not see him as the solution. "It would be hard to imagine him coming into English football right away and turning the thing." Fer-

McClair was downgraded to substitute, but playing Sharpe and Giggs wide, with Hughes in the centre, made no real difference. To each United shotmaker the goal

Giggs put one over and one wide, ince missed with his one attempt and when Hughes tried a half-volley from the edge of the area it ended up down by the corner. Spink did not make a save. though Bruce had a header cleared by Houghton from

the foot of a Villa post after four minutes. Ferguson must have wished he could take his pick from the Villa bench. Yorke and Regis, useful forwards both, sat in waiting but neither was needed because Atkinson and Saunders were giving

Pallister and Bruce, at the centre of United's defence, an their work was prompted by Staunton, who set up Atkin-son for his eleventh minute goal one touch with his left before hitting low with his right past Schmeichel. Villa, 40-1 for the title in

August, during which time they took only three points from their first four games. are having their best spell since Atkinson took over 16 months ago. It coincides with the arrival of Saunders from Liverpool. They have gone 12 matches without defeat and

Saunders has played in the last 11. Some of his £2.3 million transfer fee is coming back through the turnstiles. 2 crowd of 39,063 forming the Premier League's largest of the season, as the partnership of Saunders (eight goals) and Atkinson (ten) commands growing attention.

it was a throbbing match. coloured by Villa's pace, panache and control. Ron Atkinson football. And a joy after the midweek demise of English clubs in Europe. "We try to encourage players to pass the ball about or, if they are a front player, to try and

people," Atkinson said. And so Villa. European Cup winners in 1982, may be back next season for another try. The championship is the only domestic honour to have etuded Atkinson and United sacked him six years ago for failing to achieve it when there. If he wins it now, his call will be for something call Will be for something fizzier than a hot brandy. ASTON VILLA: N Sonic E Barer, S Saunton, S Teals, F McGraft, K Rotard, Son Alboraton, B Small, Parker, D Saunton B Small MANCHESTER UNITED: P Screening P Parker, C Saucture, 9 Brace, D Pergenously B McCledt, G Palester, B Rotaton P Ince, L State, Manghet, R Grage, Referent D Eleray.

New league leaders rise to occasion

Arrogant Arsenal stake their claim for championship

Coventry City

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

A THIRD of the season has passed and Arsenal sit on top of the Premier League. Blackburn Rovers are wobbling. Norwich City are leaking goals. Manchester United cannot score them, Leeds United are in post-European Cup shock and Liverpool are beset by bruised bodies and egos.

With only Aston Villa and Queens Park Rangers in any semblance of form, the way ahead appears clear for Arsenal. At Highbury on Saturday they demonstrated ev-ery quality required to lay claim to the title — precision passing. feverish work-rate. high-class finishing and a hint of arrogance seen only in sides on the verge of something

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has seen it all before and is sensible enough to warn of the dangers lurking. Bold and hollow claims have never been his style. "We've crawled our way away from the bottom nice and quietly," he said, "But I'll be keeping everyone's feet on the ground. We mustn't get carried away with all this: the best time to be top of the league is in May.'

Arsenal's first-half display bordered on the breathtaking as they cantered to their sixth successive victory, a sequence that has lifted them from thirteenth to the summit in six weeks. Three goals killed off the challenge of Coventry City. who were previously unbeaten on their travels this season. and the job was done with chilling efficiency.
Bobby Gould, the Coventry

manager, knew the odds were stacked against him. With Gallacher, Pearce, McGrath and Robson sidelined, he was forced to field the youngest of line-ups with little but raw enthusiasm to keep them going. He also sacrificed a forward for a five-man midfield in an effort to blot out the marauding Merson, but the tactic misfired. "That's the first time I've changed my team because of the opposition and

that's the last," Gould said. Merson may have wrecked the best-laid plans with his endless energy and direct running, but he was only one of numerous key cogs in

Barnes waits in wings as Liverpool lighten gloom

By PETER BALL

GRAEME Souness's ban from the touchline and Mike Marsh's sending-off during an inglorious European exit made last week a generally forgettable one for Liverpool It had, though, a hopeful

John Barnes came through half an A team match on Saturday and his senior colleagues beat Middlesbrough 4-1 to move into the top half of the Premier League. Barnes, out all season with

an Achilles tendon injury. said that he would have to play several more "45-minute games just for fitness", but his imminent return will ease the pressure on Souness. Saturday's result also helped. with Rosenthal scoring twice early on and Rush claiming his 200th league goal with a rare header.

Chelsea's search for a goal keeper ended with the signing of the outstanding Russian captain, Dmitri Kharin, 24. for a mere £200,000 down -£400,000 if you include subsequent payments and

Chelsea celebrated beating an obliging Crystal Palace 3-1. Richard Shaw set them on their way with an own goal after four minutes and Lee Sinnott was sent off for a second bookable offence.

incidentals.

Wimbledon went down 2-0 at Selhurst Park as Queens Park Rangers maintained their impressive form. Ray Wilkins scored the second goal with a delightful chip from outside the area.

The result left QPR fifth.

one point behind Norwich. who will go top if they win at Oldham tonight.

Jensen and Hillier supplied slick service while Morrow and Dixon, the full backs. joined the attack at every opportunity. At times, Coventry were overwhelmed by the wave of red shirts rushing at

them from all angles. Dixon's performance was particularly pleasing for Graham. The England defender has been much-criticised recently yet shone like a beacon.
"Lee's biggest asset is that he is not afraid to fail." Graham said. "He's always in there battling and never hides."

Wright, another of Highbury's five-strong England quota, also enhanced his reputation. Although played out of position on the wing, he showed his spring-heeled versatility with a series of darting runs and a superbly taken tenth goal of the season. The occasional over-exuberance was his only let-down. "Playing Ian wide instead of down the middle is good for his education," Graham explained. "I just wish he would slow down a bit, mentally."

Arsenal took only eight minutes to jolt Coventry's hopes of a fifth away league win. Wright's first-time pass seemed certain to run out of play until Dixon's never-say-die lunge turned it into the most devastating of crosses for Smith to not past Up via a post.

Coventry threatened briefly. Ndlovu's delightful skills unlocking several doors, but the Arsenal defence was never more than slightly ajar. Wright chipped in the second goal on the half-hour and Ogrizovic was again left groping in vain when Campbell headed home in first-half injury time. Arsenal strolled the second half. Chances were squandered shamelessly and Coventry were allowed a dig-

nified death. Tottenham Hotspur's 2-0 win over Blackburn at Ewood Park confirmed Arsenal's rise to the top, and the Highbury supporters afforded their great rivals a rousing cheer. Such generosity comes easy when

generostry cornes easy when perched on high.

ARSENAL: D Seamen, L Deon, S Morrow, D Hiller, S Bould, A Adems, J Jensen, I Wright, A Smith, P Merson, K Campbell (sub: A Limper).

COVENTRY CITY: S Ograzowa: B Borrows (sub. 7 Flarmag), K Sanson, P Atherton, P Affecton, P Rogano, P Baths, J Williams

Researce, L Worrall.



Armed combat: Brian Deane, of Sheffield United, brushes Chris Bart-Williams aside in the drawn Sheffield derby yesterday. Report, page 23

City punish latitude offered by Leeds

Manchester City . Leeds United

HOWARD Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, is one of football's optimists, but after another defeat for the league champions, at Maine Road on Saturday, even his powers of positive thinking must be

By IAN ROSS

waning. In recent weeks, when his club's season has given every indication of unravelling at the seams. Wilkinson has insisted that mistakes will be rectified. Not even elimination from the European Cup could

shake the man's faith. On Saturday, Wilkinson continued to toe the confidence line, albeit shakily. There is a problem but I honestly believe it to be a small problem, one which I think we will be able to sort out between now and Christmas," he said. Irrespective of the mitigaring circumstances, this was another shabby performance by Leeds, who have now lost more games than they did in

ship-winning season.

Using Fairclough and Newsome, two less than conbacks against opponents who rely on the speed and guile of their wide players was a gamble destined to fail.

Once City had strolled into a two-goal lead courtesy of opportunist strikes by Sheron and White, in the thirteenth and 37th minutes respectively. victory was all but assured. Only when defeat was inev-

itable did Leeds begin to stir. The introduction of Chapman in the second half at least instilled a sense of urgency but Leeds's improved resolve was rendered academic in the 74th minute when Hill swept in from ten yards after Simpson had cut through a despondent defence. City's fourth goal, a fine strike by Brightwell in the eightieth minute, was predictable.

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With England's match against Turkey the next important fixture in his diary, Shearer's barren spell may concern Graham Taylor. Is Shearer's history of dramatic

With 16 goals already under his belt this season, the player was fairly relaxed about "We are suffering from our good start to the season; sides are coming here to block us," he said. "I'm not worried about the goal drought. I have made my point by getting 16 and they will come again." Neil Ruddock, his former team-mate and close friend. concurred that Shearer was

right not to worry. "He doesn't have to play against me every tion," he said, "so it doesn't

Nil return for Rovers week," Ruddock said. Most

forwards, with bruises to show

for the meeting, would say

ple alongside him and How-

needed to stray into illegality.

It's easy to keep people

Blackburn Rovers . Tottenham Hotspur 2

By PETER BALL

THE goals have suddenly Blackburn's spell at the top of the Premier League ended on Saturday as they succumbed to a north London one-two. Tottenham winning at Ewood Park to allow Arsenal to take over as leaders.

increasingly going to have to come to terms with. The message "stop Shearer and you stop Blackburn has gone round the Premier League, and Saturday's performance did nothing to constarts followed by a taperingtradict that view. With Shearer off about to repeat itself? stifled, Blackburn hardly created a single chance, which does not augur well for their

hopes as winter draws on. With the other members of the elite, Liverpool, Manchester United and Leeds, in disarray, the sight of the preseason favourites moving to the front has an ominous look about it, but Dalglish, in typical perverse mood, would have none of it when that suggestion was put to him.
That's not a realistic ques-

that the man who turned a "amen" to that, but with thousand press conferences to ice at Anfield is still there Mabbutt setting a fine examunderneath the new, relaxed ells sitting just in front of the persona, Dalglish finally tion by begging it. Did Arsenal concede the title to us quiet if you've got five against last week when we were top?" he demanded. "Why should two." Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, said, but we concede to them now?" The next few weeks will it is something Shearer is

But although it was nice to see

supply the answer. Perhaps they were unlucky to run up against a Tottenham team brimming with the confidence of an unbesten run and, with five at the back and relying on crisp counter-attacks, no longer the cavaliers of old. The first goal, Howells turn-

ing in Sheringham's header for his first goal of the season. came when Blackburn were enjoying their best spell, but the writing had already been on the wall, and Sheringham's penalty confirmed

BLACKBUREN ROWERS: R Minner, D May (sub* C Price), A Wright, T Shewood, C Hendry, K Moran, M Attens, G Comens (sub; R Wegerle), A Sheerer, M News, S Rupley. Edinburgh, D. Austin, V. Sarovays, Mabbutt, N. Ruddock, D. Howells, G. Du Nayari, E. Sheringham, P. Allen. Referee: K. Barrett.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

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3 (+3) A Villa	15	27	+9	7 (4-3			2	(1-1)	24	(13-11)	15	(7-8)	Atkinson 9, Saunders 7		8	26,344	+6.1	wwddww	Tottenham (a Nov 21
4 (-2) Norwich	14	27	-1	8 (5-3) 3	(2-1)	3	(0-3)	24 ((11-13)	25	(5-20)	Robins 6, Phillips 5		9	14,249	+2.8	wdiwid	Oldham (a today)
5 (-2) QPR	15	26	+7	7 (4-3) 5	(3-2)	3	(0-3)	22	(15-7)	15	(8-7)	Ferdinand 5		17	15,241	+12.3	dwlwtw	Liverpool (h Nov 23)
6 (-1) Coventry	15	23	0	6 (2-4		(2-3)	4	(3-1)	18	(7-11)	18	(9-9)	Williams/Ndlovu 4		7	14,286	+3.0	ddddll	Man City (h Nov 21)
7 (+2) Man City	15	22	+7	6 (3-3) 4	(3-1)	5	(2-3)	21	(14-7)	14	(9-5)	White 9, Sheron 4	1	12	24,565	-11.3	iddwww	Coventry (a Nov 21)
8 (+2) Cheisea	15	22	+3	6 (3-3) 4	(3-1)	5	(2-3)	22 ((10-12)	19	(8-11)	Harford 8, Stuart 4	_	17	19,051	+2.0	diwww	Everton (a Nov 21)
9 (-1) Ipswich	15	21	+2	4 (2-2) 9	(6-3)	2	(0-2)	20	(12-8)	18	(9-9)	Wark/Dozzell 5	1	13	17,628	+23.5	dwidwd	Sheff Wed (a Nov 21
10 (-3) Man Utd	15	21	+2	5 (2-3) 6	(3-3)	4	(2-2)	14	(6-8)	12	(7-5)	Hughes 5, Bruce 3	-	14	32,081	-28.7	ddddII	Oldham (h Nov 21)
11 (+3) Liverpool	15	19	0	5 (5-0) 4	(1-3)	6	(2-4)	24	(16-8)	24	(10-14)	Walters 4		15	33,618	-3.4	llwdww	QPR (a Nov 23)
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TRANSFERS: Dmitri Kharin (Cheisea) from CSKA Moscow, £200,000; Andy Tillson (Bristol Rovers) from QPR, £370,000; Gary Waddock (Bristol Rovers) from QPR, £100,000. LOANS; Fraser Digby (Swindon) to Manchester United; David Lee (Southampton) to Bolton; Lee Williams (Aston Villa) to Shrewsbury. ☐ All statistics relate to the Premier League only.

Fast fading Forest show relegation credentials

Nottingham Forest0 Eventon By Ketth Pike

FOREST too good to go down? Don't you believe it. On this showing, they are relegation certainties, and the fact that nobody wants to see them. go is not going to save them. On Saturday, Howard Kendall became the latest Premier League manager to leave the City Ground with three points

after saying how well Forest had played, and how all they needed was a bit of luck. It was diplomacy in the extreme. Forest, after an encouraging half-hour, were woeful. Brian Clough's day had started badly enough, with a

boardroom vote of confidence. It ended in the almost unimaginable, Forest succeeding only in making Everton look a half-decent side. That Forest were having

trouble defending since selling Des Walker, and even more trouble scoring after the de-parture of Teddy Shering-ham, was already evident. What must really have hurt Clough was that, for an hour, they seemed incapable of stringing together more than a couple of accurate passes,

their shape, passion and disci-pline. His team seems particularly unable to get Sheringham out of its system. The two best chances Forest created from open play featured far-post crosses which, in turn, Orlygsson and Nigel Clough neither renowned for their aerial prowess - headed wide Their best hope lay in set pieces, but was it bad luck or bad judgment which saw Gemmill's 21st-minute "goal" ruled out because of Orlygsson's omnecessary foul on Ablett, bad luck or bad finishing which saw Glover pick out Jackson's head on the Everton

and lost, in varying degrees

In between, Everton had won the match. Tiler, who had spent all afternoon using Rideout as a doormat, was nowhere to be seen when it mattered, the Everton forward scoring his first league goal of the season with a firm header from Harper's cross in the 52nd minute.

line as he volleyed towards an

otherwise unguarded net with

14 minutes to go?

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley, B Laws, S Pearce, S Chettle, C Tier, R Kearne, T Chypsson, S Gentrall, N Clough, L Glowe, J. Woen. EVERTON: N Southelt, M Jackson, G Ablett, 1 Stockn, D Welson, M Keoert, A Happer (sac R Werzyche), P Beerdsley, P Rideout, B Horne, J Ebbrett.

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Battle at the top ends in stalemate

Chances go astray during non-stop action at Newcastle

Newcastle United.....0 Swindon Town0

BY DAVID POWELL

FOR all the celebrated passing skills of the connoisseur's two favourite first division teams, neither Newcastle nor Swindon could thread their way to a goal yesterday. A point apiece from a match played at great pace, and providing ample entertaintment, extended Newcastle's advantage at the head of the table to nine points while Swindon regained the second place they

had lost on Saturday. It was a triumph for Swindon's defence which, by the final whistle, had forced Newcastle to compromise the craft on which their success this season has been founded. By then. Newcastle were resorting to the long ball.

The greater number of chances fell to Newcastle, but Hammond was commanding then did much the same again in the Swindon goal. He. for the first goal in the 2-0

Hazard in midfield was mainly responsible for Newcastle dropping points at home for only the second time

defeats by winning at Birmingham on Wednesday. Newcastle began confidently. Swindon came under immediate fire, Hammond saving at close range from Sheedy. who was denied again when Summerbee, covering his goalkeeper on the line, cleared

in between. Hammond, outstretched, was beaten by Clark's shot which hit a post. What relief for Hoddle, the Swindon player-manager, who had conceded possession to Kelly, giving Clark his opening. This has become something of a habit for Hoddle, who lost possession which led to the goal that put Swindon out of the Coca-Cola

Nevin's goal raises Tranmere's hopes

By Louise Taylor

WHEN Pat Nevin left Everton for Tranmere Rovers earlier this season, he may not have bade a permanent farewell to the Premier League. Rovers went second in the first division on Saturday, their highest league position ever, with an 82nd-minute goal from the Scottish winger that gave them a 1-0 win at Leicester City.

If John King's team is not to be trifled with then neither are Millwall, whom Mick McCarthy has taken up to fifth place. Two points behind Tranmere, they halted Derby County's recovery with a 2-1 win at the Baseball Ground. Second-half goals from Jamie Moralee and Alex Rae won the match after Mark Pembridge had put Derby ahead.

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Once again. Colin Cooper, the Millwall centre half who has been converted from left back by McCarthy, was man of the match. The Millwall manager said: "Colin Cooper is worth at least the £2.5 million Derby paid Notts County for Craig Short, Every one could see who was the better player out there."

Having halted a run of three

his 15-yard shot.

Cup against Oldham Athletic then did much the same again

Cooper, 24, is a former England Under-21 interna-

tional who promised much at the outset of his career with

Middlesbrough. At 5ft 10in,

though, there remains a suspi-

cion that his best position

Nottingham Forest, who

are watching Cooper, have

had a £1.5 million offer for

Andrew Cole rejected by Bris-

tol City. Cole, signed from Arsenal for £500,000 in the

summer, daimed his eleventh

goal of the season in a 3-0 win

week, dearly has his work cut

out. Rovers have conceded 44

set in 1935.

two cutings:

Rambrus I ecous

might still be full back.

second occasion when Hammond was beaten, Calderwood cleared off the line from Kelly. Now it was Tay-lor's turn to be relieved, his back pass having put Ham-mond in trouble. The goal-keeper could only play into Kelly's path.

When, with 20 minutes

defeat by Brentford last Tues-

day, which signalled the end

of Swindon's unbeaten home

It had been a frenetic open-

ing 15 minutes and a thor-

ough test of Swindon's back

line. Enough was enough, and Swindon began to take

the game forward; Horlock

and Summerbee bringing Smicek, Newcastle's stand-in

Czechoslovak goalkeeper, into

the game. His save from

Horlock was straightforward,

but one from Summerbee

required acrobatics.
O'Brien drove in a venom-

ous shot from outside the area

as Newcastle tried to re-estab-

lish themselves, but the first half ended with Hazard and

Hoddle, the former Totten-ham combination, almost

sneaking a lead. From a free kick, Hazard found Hoddle in

If there was a dropping off in pace in the second half, it was barely noticeable. On the

space but the shot was poor.

record this season.

remaining, Venison found Kelly with an incisive pass. Hammond produced another instinctive save. From then on, Newcastle lost their way, though one penetrating run from O'Brien out through the Swindon defence before Hoddle blocked the shot.

Swindon, who have never appeared in the league's top division, finished the stronger. A neat one-two between Kerslake and Ling found Mitchell, but he was unable to keep his header down. Then, in the final minute, Taylor's header from Horlock's corner

against Birmingham. Steve Bull ended the longest goalless run of his six years at slipped by the post.

A year ago, Swindon beat
Newcastle to move into second Molineux - seven games -by scoring twice as Wolverplace, but did not win for another ten matches, slipping hampton Wanderers returned out of the promotion race. to winning ways with a 5-1 home victory against bottom-placed Bristol Rovers, Bull took his league tally for Wolves Hoddle does not expect the decline to be repeated. "The crowd have seen two teams who will be in there at the to 163, beating a club record death," he said. "I am pleased with the way we performed."

NEWCASTLE UNITED: P. Smicak B
Venison, J Berestord, L O'Brien, K Scoti, S
Howey, F Carr, G Peacock, D Kelly, L Clerk,
K Steedy,
SWINDON TOWN: N Hammond, D
Karsteks, K Horlock, G Hoddle,
Calderwood, S Taylor, M Hazard, N Malcolm Allison, who joined Rovers as a coach last

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES



Picture of concentration: Summerbee targets the Newcastle goal yesterday

York take lead from Ward

KEITH BLACKMORE REVIEWS THE SECOND AND THIRD DIVISIONS

YORK City have looked the best team in the third division for most of the season and their 2-0 defeat of the second best, Barnet, at Bootham Crescent on Saturday deepened that impression. The result extended their lead to five points and demonstrated how far they have come since John Ward became manager When the teams last met,

on the final day of last season, York were going nowhere and Barnet, bound for the playoffs, won 4-1. Ward admitted that his players had been taught a lesson and said he wanted to see what they had learned. They passed the test with distinction. "We are stronger, mentally tougher," he said. "The players lacked confidence before." He also acknowledged the influence Stancurie s

of three new arrivals. Barnes. Borthwick and Swann. and

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provement was obvious. Six times the York forwards were caught offside as they pursued balls lobbed over the top. attempts this season.

Barnet pressed but could do no better than a succession Then York changed their approach, passing to feet and running with the ball from

midfield. Blackstone, and particularly McCarthy, suddenly found that the Barnet back four, although powerful and well organised, turned about as fast as a fleet of battleships. Barnes had already missed one chance when he gave York the lead in the 25th minute. McCarthy burst from his own half and slipped the ball behind Howell. Barnes

collected it and flicked it past the advancing Phillips. "That is his great strength." Ward said. "He doesn't mind missing. He just keeps going." Barnes's persistence brought the second goal, in the seventieth minute. He was too quick for Bodley, who

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the York midfield, scored from the penalty spot, his sixth such success in six

of fruitless long-shots. The club's biggest failure, however, was one of public relations. Stan Flashman, their chairman, told BBC Radio 5 that the club's supporters (many of whom want him to resign) did not matter. "I don't care if they come to Barnet games or not." he said.

Bradford City moved to the top of the second division. beating Fulham, while the previous leaders. West Bromwich Albion, were losing to Leyton Orient, Stoke City moved into second place, beating Bournemouth with two goals from Stein.
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Scottish League

Premier division

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds stunned as Ropati puts an end to cup hopes

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT WAS one of those days, just as it threatens to be another of those seasons for Leeds. At the climax to a cup tie of drama and breathtaking commit-ment at Knowsley Road yesterday. Tea Ropati scaled victory with a late dropped goal from 35 metres, to the disbelief of the visitors.

The New Zealand stand-off half had missed four previous attempts at goal and St Helens were down to 12 men, after Nickle's swinging arm caught Tait on the ground. Moments earlier, Leeds had drawn level at 14-14, after Gallagher punished Mann's high tackle with his third goal.

With four minutes remaining. Leeds had seemingly earned a replay. But without Gary Schofield, their captain. who pulled a homstring in training, Leeds lacked leadership in anacl_ and were denied a place in today's Regal Trophy second-round draw. With their league campaign already petering out. another barren season seems

It was fitting that a match of wonderful fluidity in the first half, and uncomprising defence in the second, should be

Leeds's contribution was immense. Molloy drave well, but spilled passes and the failure of Gibson to broaden

the attack cost them dearly. In Griffiths and Ropati. St Helens have one of the quick-est and most instinctive combinations at half back Leeds. with the exception of Tait, did not look as comfortable on the ball, apart from when scoring their two tries in the first half.

Gregory's up and under on a lifth tackle was caught by Molloy, and the ball was rapidly moved to Mercer, out wide on the left. A switch hetween Gregory and Innes put Tait clear, before Hanley and Mercer worked the ball to the unmarked Fallon on the right wing.
St. Helens replied swiftly.

Connolly eased his way past Innes and Tait, and Goodway then missed a crucial tackle on Hunte after Cooper had switched play across the field. Leeds had good cause to question Hunte's second score, after Connolly appeared to drop the ball, but then little seemed to go right for them.

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Featherstone recover to spring surprise

FEATHERSTONE caused the upset of the Regal Trophy first round yesterday with an 18-14 victory at Salford. The second-division side, trailing 14-8 at half-time, fought back in style to beat Salford, fourth in the first division and with five successive home victories behind them. Owen Simpson dived over in the corner for the match-winning try ten minutes from time.

Oldham, leaders of the second division, were unable to match Featherstone's achievement, losing 40-22 at home to Castelford, but London Crusaders reached the second round for only the second time with a 30-0 win over Wakefield Trinity, and Dewsbury. of the third division, ran Hull close before losing 22-16.

The all-first division tie at Wilderspool went Warrington's way. Tony Thorniley scoring 18 points in a 31-16 and two by Panapa victory over Sheffield Eagles. while Halifax ran in 16 tries

in a one-sided game against Nottingham City, winning

76-6. With the French guests taking their leave of the competition, the draw for the second round today will take on a more familiar, if less glamorous, appearance. Carcassonne, the French champions. lost 52-0 at Wigan in the unofficial European championship match on Saturday, and yesterday Catalan's spirit was not enough to prevent a 32-16 defeat by Rochdale Horaets.

The Anglo-French divide remains a vawning one. Gallic invention was at a premium on Saturday, and after another of their familiar meandering openings, Wigan cut loose and asserted their authority with nine tries, including two by Botica, who collected a haul of 24 points.

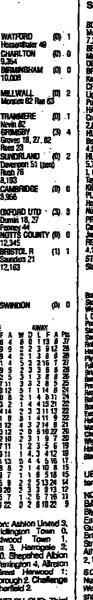
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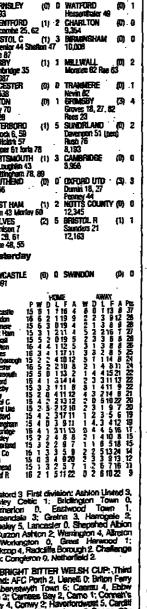
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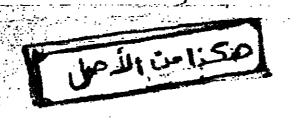
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By MALCOLM MCKEAG

THE relatively new Interna-tional Measurement System (IMS) is to become the univer-

sal design formula for interna-

tional offshore racing. The weekend decision, announced at the end of the annual conference of the Offshore

Racing Council in London

ends two years of uncertainty

within the sport, and gives

owners the firm lead they were

It was to protect amateur sailors from having to race against top-level yachts and crews that the IMS was intro-

duced three years ago. Now.

racers will be kept separate by

the creation of two divisions

within the system. The former International Offshore Rule

(IOR) will be kept only for the dwindling number of so-called Ton classes, and no new

separate grand prix rule will

According to John Bourke, chairman of the ORC, the new

system "uses the technology of

tomorrow, which is continuel

ly improving". It means that

terms with a new lexicon of

concepts, from the Velocity

Prediction Program (VPP) to

the "performance envelope".

The VPP is the computer tool which the IMS uses to

predict the speed the yacht

might achieve in various wind

strengths. seas and wind an-

gles. From this, the yacht's handican is calculated. Designers have their own VPPs which they and their owners

use to try to win the most favourable handicap while

The "performance enve-lope" is another mathematical

concept, taking specified val-ues from the VPP to place

limitations on the characteris-

tics (fast downwind, slow up-

wind for example), which the

designer can trade off within a

given handicap. This will be used to define certain classes

in a new International Level

Racing Rule by which the boats, having been designed

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South Africa XV20

By DAVID HANDS

AT THIS rate, when the time comes for the South Africans to return home, they will wish they were starting over again. A pulsating match at the Bristol Memorial ground on Saturday brought them the second victory of the England leg of their tour and the promise of a showdown with England's senior side at Twickenham in five days' time approaching traditional proportions.

Nobody denies that Eng-land will be favourites on that occasion but even that wellknown gambier. Stuart Barnes, was prepared to give the South Africans an outside chance. They have some combinations which could be damaging and if they are not locked up tightly, they could pull off a shock," he said after his England B team had lost by a goal, two tries and a dropped goal to two tries and two penalty goals.

It was a contest in which the lead changed hands five times, keeping the crowd of 14,000 buzzing with excitement throughout. The tempo was unbelievable for 80 minutes," Naas Botha, South Africa's captain, said, and if England had taken the chances their adventurous play created, they would have

But if there is one element of play this South African party

Penalties

count

out Otley

believes has not suffered during sporting isolation, it is their backs; not that they are particularly clever. or equipped with tricky moves like the Australians, but they do the basics so well. They run fast and straight, they handle well and their flat defensive alignment is hard to break

Three times Heslop, on England's right wing, had a sniff of the tryline. Twice he was decisively tackled and the third time Olivier intercepted what looked a try-scoring pass. The unfortunate Heslop had required treatment after firsthalf collisions and finally left the field in a daze after allowing Olivier to escape down the touchline on the 60metre move which, with help from Gerber, finally gave the South Africans a lead they were not to lose.

The difference was that of a team that has toured together for five weeks and a combination coming together for a few days. But the key to a splendid afternoon, which complemented the efforts of the Bristol dub, was two sides wanting to play rugby and a referee prepared to let them. Joel Dume, on this showing, looks to have much to offer.

England foundered on their inability to control the ball in the tackle. The South Africans are a physically strong side and England, even if they did not lose possession, could not move it back as swiftly as they wanted; nor did the referee allow much latitude at the rucks, so the number of turnovers was high. England more than held their own in the set pieces but their back row did not make the impact required Barnes and his backs playing close to an unforgiving defence.

Botha's dropped goal was teams at half-time, Hunter having wrestled his way over for England's try and Hattingh responding in injury time after a well-won ruck. Barnes's two penalties gave England the lead and another referee might have penalised Müller and Strauss for killing the ball when Heslop was stopped on the line; this was the critical period of the match, when England might have scored two further tries but in fact scored none.

In contrast, the South Africans broke away through Olivier and added another try when Richter peeled off a wheeling five-metre scrum. There remained the pleasure of seeing Underwood, who played a fine match despite limited opportunities, spotting a tunnel through a tiring defence and darting down it like an express train.

ENGLAND B: I Hunter (Northempton; rep: 1 Streets. Northempton); N Hestop (Orreit;



Line drive: Hunter, the England B full back, charges through Malan and Botha, left, for his try at Bristol yesterday

Hamlin boot helps dash Henley spirit

By BRYAN STILES

By Christopher Irvine IN A game of 32 penalties, Otley paid the ultimate one and were eliminated from the Pilkington Cup at Cross Green on Saturday. As they poured on the pressure in the last quarter, and Sale's hold looked all the more tenuous.

five times they had to retreat as the fine line of the laws were After so comfortable a time at the set piece, and outside,

where the hobbling Turner had room to spare, Sale's late bout of nervous exhaustion was all the more extraordinary. Passage into today's third-round draw was met with understandable relief. Sale, who lie fourth in the second division, have brought

in Turner this season, to rightful acclaim, but without Mallinder's attacking presence at full back, the former Welsh international stand-off struggled for support from his backs. Baldwin and MacFarlane tied up lineout position for little constructive reward.

For an hour, Otley, hunting promotion in the third division, were equally profligate. kicking away precious posses-sion. Jee landed three of six penalty attempts, to Rutledge's solitary reply, after which two poor clearances led to both sides scoring tries within three minutes toset up

an exciting finish. Atkinson skewed his kick out of defence and Baldwin's two-handed take and drive over put Sale comfortably clear, or so it seemed. When Nigel Melville, the former England captain, bore down on Warr as he swung his boot and subsequently scored, Otley drew new spirit, though not the fortitude to stay the right side of the laws.

SCORERS: Ottey: Try: N Melville Penalty goat: Rutledge. Sale: Try: Baldwin. Penalties: Jea (3). Perntities: Jee (3).
OTLEY: P. Rutledge; G. Mehvitle, A. Scott, rep: M. Farrar), D. Lester, S. Atfanson, R. Pelyt, N. Mekvile; N. Markiew, M. Barnett, S. Fice, S. Wilson, S. Hudson, S. Tipping, A. Hargesves, J. Chepman, S. Tipping, A. Hargesves, J. Chepman, S. Stocks, P. Samsfield, K. Young; P. Tumer, M. Warr, M. Whitsombe, L. Hewson, A. Smith, D. Baldwin, M. Karnotk, (rep: P. Unwin), M. Dobson, A. MacFarlame

London Welsh40

ALL THE fun of the fair and the Pilkington Cup — came to Henley on Thames on

Saturday. Both lifted the spirits in a leafy backwater far removed from the champagne. and strawberries scene on the river bank in high summer. London Welsh were, howev-

fun-fair jollity taking place over the hedge and set about trying to put Henley in their place. It took some doing. Hotdog. Spike and were in spienaia cup form for Henley. I could never quite work out which one Hotdog was, though. I knew

Spike, of course. He was the one who ran through brick walls every Saturday after-noon. He did, though, find it difficult to crash through that very thick red line of ierseys that invariably seemed to be

Henley were determined to reach the third round for the first time in their history. Unfortunately, London Welsh are in need of a slice of glory and were in no mood to let

Henley played good, inventive rugby that warmed the heart of their coach. Clive Woodward, the former British Isles player. In Poulson, at stand-off, they have a shrewd tactician. Henley also have a fiery pack, even though one of them had forgotten to bone up

on the laws and gave Hamlin, the exiles' stand-off, plenty of

goalkicking practice.

London Welsh are one division above Henley in the
Courage Clubs Championship and it showed. The
acquisition of Hamlin and Scrivens from Gloucester has given them an authority lack-ing in recent seasons. They deserved their victory by three goals, two tries, and three penalty goals to one goal, one try and two penalties.

Hamlin, the former Eng-land B player, picked up 15 points with some fine er, in no mood to add to the goalkicking and frequently drove Henley back with long, raking touch kicks. He varied the Henley defence off-guard with some darting runs that

set up tries. The first came from Pike. Hamlin failed to convert that, but collected three penalty goals, to one from Poulson, to give Welsh a 14-3 lead at the interval. A try by Wylder gave Henley hope early in the second half but London Welsh blocking the way. drew away with tries by Tucker, Lee Thomas, Peacock and Steve Thomas, before Sharp

SCORERS: Henley: Tries: Wylder, Sharp. Conversion: Poulson. Penalty goals: Poulson (2). London Weish: Tries: Pike, Tucker. I. Thomas, Peacock, S. Thomas. Conversions: Hamlin (3). Penalty goals: Hamlin (3).

secured a consolation try.

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HENLEY: J Hottot: C Howis, S Hearn, T Caves, G Sharp; M Poulson, W Davidson; R Heginbotham, N Bradbury, P New, S Henderson, A Heardman, S Wylder, J Edwards, S Flaming LONDON WELSH: R Philips: O Robins, M Daves, S Thomas, T Picke; M Hamilin, R Nicholas, R Thomas, A Tucker, M Herbert, L Thomas, N Sorivens, O Davies, C Charva, G Referex K Montgomery.

Big names survive unscathed

SOME of the game's most illustrious clubs survived the indignity of playing junior opponents in the Pilkington Cup to go through to today's thirdround draw (Peter Bills writes). Sides such as Bedford. Blackheath, London Welsh, Moseley and Richmond avoided the ignominy of making an early exit, with the attributes which carried Richmond to a 37-15 home victory over Sudbury

mirrored elsewhere. Sudbury made a brave when Richmond, twice behind, led 12-10. Thereafter superior standards of fitness and preparation told. Moseley overcame Har-

rogate at The Reddings 16-12, in a match finished in the gloom after the visitors objected to the use of floodlights. Blackheath were too

strong for Old Blues, the Surrey club winning 27-3 at Motspur Park despite having a player sent off for

punching.

Redruth won 7-3 in a rousing West Country clash at Bridgwater, while Clifton squeezed past Lydney 9-6. Tabard had a fine 14-9 home win over High Wycombe and Typedale, from North I. put out Sheffield, from the third division, 21-14.

Australians find answer to determined defence

mark was achieved, it was the

Australians who carried the

This was because McCall

and Morgan, not always with-

out assistance, dominated the

lineouts. A first-half tally of

13-6 in their favour (a ratio

repeated in the second half)

had only been improved in the

last ten minutes when Wales

secured four of their own

throw-ins. Yet the half

finished level with only a

penalty each from Roebuck

and Stephens. Both sides had

been guilty of not retaining

their own possession and

was caught offside when

Meek stole a heel against the

head and Stephens kicked the

penalty. Roebuck replied soon

after. Sadly, each time the Australian full back took aim,

he had to endure a boorish

cacophony of whistles and

jeers. The Welsh Rugby

Union, who had released

Briefly, Wales went into the

chances had gone adrift.

ball most often.

Wales B Australia

By GERALD DAVIES

IF SWANSEA'S midweek victory over the Australians gave reassurance that the nation's club champions were worthy flag-bearers, the performance by Wales B at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday suggests that, in a formight's time on the same ground, the senior Welsh team should not feel any inferiority against Australia's international line up.

Wales B were not able to take up the gauntlet in the way done by running at the opposition. Even though there were some aggressive attacks, this was, by and large, a game of stiff Welsh resistance. By setting a target of 100 tackles beforehand, Kevin Bowring, the Wales B coach, acknowledged their weakness in this area. On Saturday, 126 tack-

8,000 tickets free to schoolchilles were made but while the Llanelli hit by injuries

THE loss of three injured at the weekend will be a blow to Llanelli's plans for their sellout match against Australia at Stradey Park on Saturday. Following the loss of Phil May, the veteran lock, who dislocated a shoulder against Bristol on Friday, Llanelli saw Ian Jones and David Fox fall

in Wales B's 24-11 defeat by

the touring side in Cardiff.

Jones, the Llanelli full back, is likely to be sidelined for a month. while Fox, the booker, is facing a six week lay-off after dislocating a shoulder.

Neath, who play the Austra-lians on Wednesday, warmed up with a club record 117-3 win at North Shields. They scored 19 tries, four of them from the Wales Under-21 wing, James Reynolds.

dren, were rewarded only with the discourteous response. They may wonder about repeating such a gesture.
Gradually, despite the occa-

sional thrusts of Stephens, Rayer and Hall in the threequarters, and Perego's forays close to the forwards, Australia's collective will began to tell. Their decisive try began in

their own half with both Roebuck and Kearns twice in the movement. Walker, Morgan and Ofahengaue were also involved before Smith scored in a corner. Eckert and Ofahengaue began the next move, with Tombs and Walksetting up a ruck from which Morgan, standing off, charged his way over. Roebuck converted this and kicked two more penalties.

Wales, however, were not to be left tryless. Nigel Davies scored, after some marvellous running from Rayer and Hall, by nudging the ball over the line with his foot and winning the race. The full internation-

als can take heart. SCOPERS: Wales B: Try: Deves. Penalty goals: Stephens (2). Australia: Trine: Smith, Morgan. Conversion: Roebuck. Penalties: Roebuck (4)

WALES B: M Rayer (Cardiff); I Joose (Lianelit; rep: N Boobyer, Lianelit; M Half (Cardiff), N Davies (Lianelit, M Prochor (Lianelit), C Stephens (Lianelit), P Prochor (Lianelit), C Stephens (Lianelit), R Moon-(Lianelit, capt); R Evers (Lianelit), D Fox (Lianelit, rep: N Meek, Portypoot); H Williams-Joones (South Wales Police), M Perego (Lianelit), S Roy (Cardiff), J Waldsford (South Wales Police), M Worris (Nestit), S Legge (South Wales Police); A Worris (South Wales Police); A LISTRALIA XV: M Resbuck; D Juries, R Tombs, I. Wallec, D Smith; T Walleco, A Eclert: D Crowley, P Keams (capt), E McKenze, V Otshengaue, R McCall, G Morgan, D Wilson; T Gawin, Reserver; B Stiding (reland).

in top form By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE Olympic gold medalwinners, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, both won at the Fullers Fours Head on Saturday. Redgrave, for Leander, and Pinsent, for Isis, bettered their fellow gold medal-winners, the Searle broth-ers, racing for Molesey. The Leander quad sculls, 13 84

stroked by Guy Pooley, led off the 500-crew flotilla and achieved a seven-second winning margin over Nottingham County in spite of being drenched by the wash of three launches. Molesey, stroked by

Jonny Searle, was third.

Pinsent stroked the Isis coxed four, who looked a little pedestrian at 30 in the middle stages, but with Boris Mavra at bow and Andrew Gordon Brown at three, they beat Molesey, including Greg Searle and the cox, Gary Herbert, by three seconds. A Goldie codess four, in-chiding James Behrens, the new president, and Dirk Bangert, the 1992 Cambridge stroke, won the coxless fours

with ease in spite of some erratic steering.

The world lightweight silver-medal crew from Queens Tower/London University won the women's coxiess class from a crew of senior Olympians from Thames.

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Hodgkinson's class swings cup contest Nottingham's way



Hodgkinson: set up tries

Worcester 15 Nottingham39 By Barry Trowbridge

ELECTRICITY cables above one of the 22s was probably a novel experience for Nottingham, but down on the Sixways pitch there was precious little spark from either side as Worcester bowed out of the Pilkington Cup on Saturday. Nottingham ran out comfortable victors, scoring five tries to two, but for a game described by Dave described by

Protherough, the Worcester the gangly second-row pairing coaching administrator, as of Dyde and Goodman took "the biggest in the club's history", it never quite captured the imagination.

Although a small stand had been erected, there were empty seats, the crowd was sparse elsewhere and the team lacked the spirit associated with cupfighting minnows. Two late tries from Eddie Craven-Smith, the stocky left wing, were no more than compensation for Worcester. David Merlin, a highly regarded No. 8, did his grow-

ing reputation no harm and

more lineout ball than Gray and Howe. But Chris Allen, the Worcester captain, tried too often to go it alone through the centre. Though Guy Gregory was in good form with the boot, it.

was Simon Hodgkinson's classy intrusions into the line that took Nottingham out of reach in the last half-hour. From stand-off, the former England full back spun out a long pass that sent Bygrave in under the posts and, six minutes later, he switched direc-

tion on the left wing to release Byrom at speed; few can be speedier. When the wing was halted. Pepper arrived to give Hughes a second try, and it was another long feed from Hodgkinson — his last in volvement before submitting to a hamstring niggle — that put Walker over on the left. It had taken Nottingham 20 minutes to open the scor-

ing with a penalty goal by Gregory, while Walker and Hughes added tries on the narrow side of scrums deep in the Worcester 22 before the break. Nottingham, when

they flow, can score with the best; but on Saturday the inclination was missing for much of the game. They can ill afford this when the Pilkington Cup gets serious, three weeks hence.

three weeks hence.

SCORERS: Worsester: Tries: CravenSmith (2); Conversion: Amizan; Penalty
goal: Amizan, Nottinghem: Tries: Walker
(2), Hughes (2), Bygrava. Conversions:
Gregory (4), Penalty goals: Gregory (2).

WORCESTER: R Wyde; A Boot, J Cope, C
Alen, E Craven-Smith; C Amizan, G
Baleway, J Powell. A Thomas, I Watta, N.
Stoodley (rec. G Richards), R Dyde, M
Goodman, N Godhey, D Martin.

NOTTINGHAM: S Hoodstoson (rep: J
Ishawood); R Bygnave, J Partin, M
Walfer; G Gregory, J Hughes; M Ireland, J
Prince, A Jackson, M Bradey (pp; A Hall),
C Gray, S Howe, M Papper, D Smalty.

Referes: A Rossell (Liverpool).

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WELL !

Bailey gives cough warning over Mackeson gamble

By Richard Evans RACING CORRESPONDENT

A COUGHING scare yesterday surrounded Kings Fountain, the big ante-post gamble for the Mackeson Gold Cup ar Cheltenham on Saturday.

Kim Bailey warned punters to hold fire from backing his talented chaser until the day "to make sure he is there in one piece."

The Upper Lambourn trainer explained: "There is a lor of coughing around the countryside, both in Lambourn and elsewhere including the West Country and the Midlands.

"We have had one or two with a tough and I think people should be warned there a cough around. They should hang on to the last minute before backing Kings Fountain. At the moment I am not at all worried about him, but there are another six days to go."

The coughing has been restricted to younger horses in Bailey's yard, who are in isolation. Older horses such as Far Senior have not been hit while Shahdjat, victorious at Chepstow on Saturday, is stabled only two doors down from Kings Fountain, who has been been backed down from 14-1 to 8-1 for the Mackeson.

Katabatic, allocated top weight, will definitely not run following the discovery of an infection. Andy Turnell feared the worst after a lacklustre performance against Waterloo Boy at Exeter last week and subsequent tests showed up mucous in his lungs which is

now being analysed. "Hopefully it is a short-term problem and he will be back by Christmas for the Castleford Chase at Wetherby," Turnell said yesterday.

David Nicholson, the trainer of the moment, has no such worries as Another Coral attempts to emulate the achievement of Half Free by winning the race for the second successive year. "He's in good form," Nicholson reported.

Mighty Mogul, one of the ex-Jenny Pitman-trained borses now with Nicholson, was in a different class to his 12 rivals in the Tote Silver Trophy and the handicapper is likely to

exact his revenge.
"We will try and go through
the grades quietly." Nicholson
said, a shade optimistically, as he considered options for the five-year-old hurdler. "I think he will get further and he may be a nice staying horse eventually. He relaxes and switches off well, but has a bit of speed." Nicholson has never had a runner in the Stayers' Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival but

the prospect of Mighty Mogul filling the void has gone through my mind."

The novice chasers at Nicholson's new yard. Jackdaws Castle, are especially promising and Travelling Wrong, a recent recruit from Ireland. underlined the strength in depth as he made a winning

The two Nicholson winners formed the central part of a first five-timer for Richard Durwoody which catapulted him into the lead for the jump jockeys' championship.

Dunwoody, who has ridden four winners at a meeting on four occasions, has his most realistic chance this season of giving Peter Scudamore a run for his money in the race for riding honours.



Dunwoody: leads table after first five-timer

Weld eyes weekend showpiece

GENERAL Idea put himself on target for Saturday's Mackeson Gold Cup when readily landing the odds in the IrE10,000 Irish Field Chase at Punchestown yesterday (Our Irish Racing Correseither. Touch wood, things are pondent writes).

going well and it's nice to have Sent off at 11-4 on in a fivehalf a chance in the jockeys' runner field. General idea was not fully extended in With Martin Pipe off to a beating Kingston Way by a slower start than normal, and length_ Adrian Maguire picking up Dermot Weld confirmed the best outside rides, the race

that the gelding, who picks up a 6lb penalty, will take his chance in the Cheltenham showpiece for which Ladbrokes keep the seven-yearold at 10-1. Other prices: 6-1 Another Coral, S-1 Edberg, Kings Fountain, 10-1 Pat's Jester, Gale Again, 12-1 bar.

Mark Dwyer made his trip from England pay when Gold Options survived a bad error at the first to land the Narraghmore Handicap Chase. The ten-year-old may have one more run in Ireland for

Peter McCreery before rejoin-

ing Jimmy Fitzgerald at Destriero, rated a Champion Hurdle prospect after his 1991 Cheltenham festival victory, returned to winning

form in the Morgiana Hurdle. Off the track since finishing last to Chirknar at Leonardstown in February, Destriero gained a fluent four-length success over Last Goodbye.

Turgenev's

win adds to

family haul

JOHN Gosden, enjoying his

best season in Britain, contin-

ued a proud family tradition

by saddling Turgeney to win

the William Hill November

Handicap at Doncaster on

Gosden's late father,

Towser, recorded four success-

es in the race between 1956

and 1965, and 12 months ago the Newmarket trainer made

his first contribution to the

family haul when Hieroglyphic landed a hefty gamble in the

last big race of the Flat season.

without threatening to catch his less-fancied stable com-

panion, partnered by Darryll

for this two years in advance in

the old days, but it's a different story now," said Gosden, who

admitted to having his only bet of the year on Daru.

Second only to Richard Hannon in races won this term, Gosden took his tally to

112 when Khaled Abdulla's

newcomers. Tinners Way and

and intends to run this fast-

improving filly on Fibresand

at Southwell tomorrow.

Eddery.

They used to lay them out

This time Gosden went one better in also saddling the numer-up, Daru, who stayed on well for Steve Cauthen

Saturday.

Now Your Talkin to spark treble for Dunwoody

RICHARD Dunwoody, who roce his first live-timer at Chepstow on Saturday, can continue the good work today at Wolverhampton where he is taken to land a treble on Now Your Talkin. Ticonderoga

and Vicompt De Valmont. Now Your Tailan, my selection for the Roy Barraclough Novices' Hurdle, is a fine advertisement for the operation to cure a soft palate. Aithough ne won the three

point-to-points he completed in his native Ireland, Now Your Talkin was a biner disappointment over hurdles last season when a remote second to Needwood Muppet on today's track was the best that he could manage. However, since his operation, he has no: looked back.

Following a promising sec-ond to the fitter Gaelstrom on his seasonal debut at Chepstow, he has won by eight lengths at Ludlow, where he beat the subsequent Wetherby

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

winner Emily's Star, and by 15 lengths at Warwick. Stable companion Ticonderoga has always looked a chaser in the making and. with David Nicholson's string on a high. I expect him to prove that point by winning the Douglas Concrete Novices' Chase qualifier.

Vicempt De Valmont, my choice for the Demon of Discontent Novices' Chase, is trained by Nicky Henderson. for whom he won over hurdles at Newbury and Sandown last season. That win at Newbury was achieved first time out and I am led to believe that he is ready to make another successful start.

The 5lb penalty Miss Fern carries in the Mother Goose Handicap Chase should not

TRAINERS

prevent her following up her 25-length success at Heretord last Tuesday. She is preferred to Singlesole who has been rerated since winning at Southwell three weeks ago.

At Carlisle, West Ender,

who has won both his races this autumn, is taken to complete his treble in the Lucius Challenge Cup. A useful hurdler two years ago, West Ender had to miss the whole of last season while he recovered from a cracked cannon-

Pink Gin, who changed ownership and stables after a bid of 24,000 guineas at Doncaster in May, will begin his chasing career by contesting the Newby Bridge Novices Chase.

In this instance, however, I prefer the Gordon Richards-trained Preoblakensky, who was the better over hurdles. Jock's Burn, in the Bowness Novices' Hurdle, looks another likely winner for the

successful Greystoke trainer.
At Folkestone, where the curtain falls on the turf Flat season. Jason Weaver can land a double for Luca Cumani on Euridice in the Foil Selling Stakes and Esbooain in the Epee Maiden Stakes.

Euridice is napped to belatedly open her account after running well in bener races at Newcastle, Catterick, Redcar

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MANDARIN 1.00 Gold Blade. 1.30 EURIDICE (nap). 2.00 Wellsy Lad. 2.30 Primo Figlio.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent, 1.00 GOLD BLADE (nap). 1.30 Euridice, 3.00 Texas Cowgld The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 WELLSY LAD.

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(10) 440300 HSRN 20 (7) the Robertowish) Luch Hambrigton 3-8-1 (7) M Robords 94

(14) 654023 SARAH-CLARE 21 (6) (Mass C Doyne) R Alexans 4-8-12.

R Parkars (3) 95

(13) 3-3-56 SIMMARE CRUSSE 75 (A Luc) A Luc 3-8-10.

J Defin 97

(15) 644327 SHAMP THISTIE 1028 (7) (Angley Start 13) W Masson 6-8-10.

D McCabe (7) 13-25607 MODEST NOTE 18 (7) (7) Medicaranon) R Spicts 5-8-9

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THRESHTELD %1 3rd of 17 to Scipper To Bitge to a handicap at Kempton (71, good). LUCKY NORSE beat hearthle of it a claiming brandicap 12-namer as Newcastle (100, bear).

GOLD BLADE %1 3rd of 14 to Austrona Powers a a handicap at Indigited (AW, in 24, standard). JOLFS GREAT 21 3rd of 10 to Jade Vale in a claimer at Selection: MODEST HOPE (copp)

1.30 FOIL SELLING STAKES (£2,574: 1m 1f 149yd) (13 nunners) BETTING: Evens Sundice, 4-1 Northern Conqueror, 5-1 Begged Friend, 6-1 Noticy Barnes, 10-1 others. 1981: PRICELESS FANTASY 4-8-4 K Ruber (5-1) J Roberts 15 ran

FORM FOCUS ELEGANT FREND SI 3rd of 6 to Lott in a handleap at Chepstow on penufirmate start (1m 21, soft). SNO MARQUE 6%1 and of 12 to Balleman Bay is a soft, with CARLOWATZ 26 10th EURODICE 11%1 handleap at Yermouth (1m 31 110yd, good). NOB-BY BARNES 12 11th of 24 to Propun Past in a larties' handleap at Dongaster on Saturday (1m 21 Salection: EURODICE

2.00 SABRE HANDICAP (£2,637: 61 189yo) (16 runners)

L. UU SABRE HANDICAP (£2,637: 6f 189yd) (16 rumners)

1 (6) 00-2000 SPANSH GRANDER 70 (€) (R Sargstar) P Chapple-Hyart 4-10-0 G Andrew (7) 88
2 (5) 000-400 DASWARI 18 (F.5) (D Alber) R Horons 4-10-0 B Roman 95
3 (1) 403004 STALWAN SABRE 4 (F.5) (S Wilson Carbashle) P Mitchell 3-9-11 M Reports 94
4 (10) 2300-10 PRECIOLS WINDER 9 (CD.5) (DA Morray) P Butles 3-9-3 T Wilsons 92
5 (3) 0202-2 MUSIC DAN(2ER 14 (BF.6) (R Gourn) R Hodges 3-9-1 S Browner (7) 90
6 (12) 5-0610 BROADWARY RUCRUS 11 (S) (Resmands Saad) D Laing 3-9-0 J Wilsons 97
6 (13) 5-44460 ELWAZIR 107 (R Fairle) D Marits 3-9-13 F Brothol 39
9 (8) 245100 PRECIOUS AR 27 (D.F.8.5) (R Higson) A Morre 4-8-12 D Harrison (3) 92
10 (9) 250430 RURAL LAD 12 (J Parcel) R Space 3-8-1 A Barth (7) 89
11 144 400060 WALSTEAD 11 (R) (Sconding Saad Co Lia) 0 Wilson 3-8-11 G Carbot 84
12 (4) 063030 R.YMS WHOL 11 (R Higson) J Sactalla 3-8 B G Carbot 84
13 (11) 00-0210 JOLTO 58 (D.6) (Morrison J Sactalla 3-7-13 Brown 3-8-5 D Bidges 80
15 (5) 0-00050 WELLWUCHA 46 (R Warred) J Sentral 3-7-13 D Holland 87
16 (16) 0-00360 STATE (C AFFARS 37 (f) (Mas Summer) C Honges 5-7-13 D Holland 87
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FORM FOCUS

DASWAKU's best recent effort came when 71.4th of 19 to Langtry Lady in a claimer at Kempton (1/m 11, 19 to Langtry Lady in a claimer at Kempton (1/m 11, 19 to Capitantech in a handicap at Lebester (81, 201), JOLTO best Ase Sixt 1/d in a 20-moner Strucker at Limpheld (81, 201), PRECIOUS WON-DER best OLD COMPADES (1/b bester of) 11 in a 15-moner translation over course and distance on Selection: WELLSY LAD).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

182 (12) 0-0432 6000 TMES 74 (CD,9F,F,G,S) (No.: 1) Redomant 3 HeR 9-10-0 ... 8 Years (4) 68 Racecard womber. Down in brackets. Sto-Equie form (F — ledt. P — partied up. 19 — unsealed ridor. 8 — brought down. S — stropet up. 8 — released. D — disspeatified). Horse's reme. Days since last outlog J B (purpus, F if Bit, (B — blinkers V — visor. H — hood. E — fryesheld. C — course whomer. C — distance whomer. C D —

course and distance women. Of — bester battorise of talest ratio). Going on which horse has won IF—firm, good to furn, hard. G—good. S—soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner or bracket: Trainer Ago and weight. Roler plas any allowance. the Tenes, Private Handisapper's rating.

with a lovelier set of horses,"

Dunwoody said yesterday, re-

ferring to the strings of Nich-

olson and Nicky Henderson.

'And I don't think they have

for the jockeys' title could provide a thrilling contest.

"If we are all there in one

piece after Cheltenham and

Liverpool, it should be a really

Ladbrokes yesterday offered

13-8 against Dunwoody end-

ing Scudamore's recent mo-

nopoly of the riding honours.

The champion jockey is 6-4 on

with Maguire 8-1.
The turf Flat season ends

today but Richard Hannon.

champion trainer for the first

time, is not sitting back on his

laurels. He hopes to have half a dozen hurdlers this winter

including Gran Alba, Merlins

Wish, Poinciana and Lift And

Gran Alba, who injured a suspensory ligament just before the Cheltenham festival.

is being aimed at the Christ-

mas Hurdle at Kempton, a

race he won last year.

exciting end to the season,

Dunwoody added.

2.30 EBF BROADSWORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,658: 61) (10 runners)

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OD AHLAY 12 (R Thomas) D Wison 9-0

So GLISSO 12 (8F) (F Foros) 1 Corroin 9-0

LAND O'LAKES (F Waters) M Prescott 9-0

SIGNATTY WRATH 24 (F Campbell) I Campbell 9-0

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SIGNATITY SIGN ____ J Wesner (5) 8 ____ G Duffield BETTOME: 9-4 Primo Figlio, 7-2 GBsso, 9-2 Play Hever Gott, 6-1 The Advettog, 8-1 Anjay, 10-1 Land O'Cales. 12-1 Magical Retrial, 14-1 Others.

1991: CONFRONTER 9-0 T Onlan (7-4 tex) P Cale 20 ran FORM FOCUS

3.00 CUTLASS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,978: 61) (11 nurners) | Columbia Colora Color

eds, Comanche Companigo, 12-1 sibers. 1991: MENTALASANYTHIN 9-6 K Fallon (9-4 fav) A Bailey 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHILTERM HUNDREDS 3/41 3rd of 10 to Knob-blemanze in a chainer at Lingbeld (AW, 61, stan-dard). Praviously, 11 2nd of 13 to Bank in a maiden over course and distance (good to sot), with BRETICAL MESS (4th better off) a neck and. TEXAS COMMERC. 11 2nd of 19 to GeVinns 64 in a musely once course and distance (good to sot), with COMMANCIE COMPANION (6b better of) 3/4th and BEAT THE BASMAN (8b better of) 3/4th and BEAT THE BASMAN (8b better of) 3/4 6th. Selection: NO EXTRAS

3.30 EPEE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES

1991: SHE'S THE TOPS 8-9 T Owint (3-1) 6 Wagg 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ESBOCAIN 4761 3rd of 5 to YRdiz in a graduation | 10 to Gesting in a maiden at Nancastle (1m, 4f, good), FORT SHIPLEY | heavy). Et. TARANDA 71 6in of 10 to Wild Applicate in a maiden at Callerick (1m 4f, good). (1m 5d, good to lam). ALWATAR 5961 3rd of 14 m Highland Deas: in a reades at Nandary (1m 2f, soil), with HIGUID 2961 5th, CHAROLLES 2f 2nd of Selection: CHAROLLES COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS 57.1 36.4 31.6 24.1 22.2 20.0 M Roberts R Perham Paul Eddery T Quinn N Carlisie D Biggs

☐ Khaled Abdulla was narneck in the Criterium de rowly denied another juvenile group one victory yesterday when Marchand De Sable Saint-Cloud (1m 2f). Alec Stewart's Amwag finished fifth in the Prix Perth and Ian Balding's Heart Of Darkness was eighth. came with a late burst to beat Infrasonic (Pat Eddery) by a RESULTS THOM SYNURVAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Milan double for Cumani

LUCA Cumani and Frankie Dettori won the two feature races at San Siro, Milan, yesterday with Only Royale and Inner City. Only Royale took the listed

Premio Giovanni Falck (Im 4f) by five lengths from Claw. Paul Cole's Up Anchor, who started favourite, was half a length away third under Alan Munro. In the group three Premio

Inner City paid 20 lire for the win, including the 10 lire stake, and 16 for a place. Only Royale paid 47 for the win and 43 for a place.

WOLVERHAMPTON

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

M Pipe G Rechards W A Supplemental M Talcion-Davies Lins G Reveley D Kimbolson

1.10 New Your Talkin. 1.40 Windsor Highness. 2.10 Miss Fern. 2.40 Ticonderoga. 3.10 Vicompt De Valmont. 3.40 Flying Speed. THUNDERER

1.10 Now Your Talkin. 1.40 WINDSOR HIGHNESS (nap). 2.10 Height Of Fun, 2.40 Trimlough. 3.10 Vicompt De Valmont. 3.40 Fierce. RICHARD EVANS: 1.40 The Black Monk. 2.10 MISS FERN (nap). 3.40 Fierce.

(£1,523: 2m 7f) (12 runners)

1.40 KING GANDER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,305: 2m 110yd) (13)

3-1 The Black (Sock, 3-1 Black Jewel, Windson Highmess, 7-1 Mahitud, 8-1 others

Azilian, were victorious in the two divisions of the Flanders Maiden Stakes under Pat However, what promised to be a field day for Gosden was

not all plain sailing with Keen Hunter, one of Europe's top sprinters, being beaten by Blyton Lad in the Remem-MANDARIN brance Day Stakes. Black Spur. 3.45 Aslan. Branston Abby completed a five-timer in the Armistice THUNDERER

Handicap, coming fast and late under Michael Roberts's driving to beat Absolution.

Mark Johnston, reaching his first half-century, believes GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES in striking while the iron is hot

Gosden: one-two in

Chiusura (7f), Inner City led approaching the final furlong and stayed on well to beat Punch N' Run by four lengths.

2.10 MOTHER GOOSE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,407; 3m 1) (10)

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CH); GOOD (HDLE) 1.10 ROY BARRACLOUGH NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,523: 2TH /f) (12 runners)

1 -217 NOW YDUR TALION 9 (F.5) D Nethalasti 6-11-10. R Daswoodly
2 0 BUSHERE MOON 45 N Tractor-Daves 4-10-12. P Scrotemore
3 3 CIRCUIT RING 11 T Calorell 6-10-12. Peter Calorell
4 PF-P COMMACCIONE 13 B Severs 11-10-12. M Stevens (7)
5 046- ERCALL MALLER 278 N Witte 5-10-12. A O'Hagain
6 JACKS BARDI J Bodey 6-10-12. A O'Hagain
7 -435 XILDOWNEY HAL 39 Mass H Yough 6-10-12. J Debond
8 36P- ROBBE'S BOY 324 M Brown 5-10-12. J Debond
9 SANTHILLS SON 15122 M Brown 5-10-12. D Galagher
10 0445 TERRANIS 6-8 Presor 5-10-12. Mr T Jents (7)
11 /406 ZEIS 10 E-8rm 2-10-12. J O'Hanion (7)
12 PPP- POWER HAPPY 234 F Yardey 7-10-7. D Byrne
1-2 Now Your Zalan, 9-2 Cacuti Ring, 8-1 Nadowney Hill, 10-1 Bustrian Moon.

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 21 womers from 64 numers, 32 6%, D Nicholson, 12 from 52, 23 1%, Miss S Wilton, 9 from 51, 17.6%, J Edwards, 8 mm 51, 15.7%; Miss H Whight, 3 from 21, 14 3% (Only qualifiers) JOCKEYS: P Scudarone, 21 winners, from 61 rates, 34 4%; M Lynch, 10 from 43, 23 3%; R Durmoody, 21 from 93, 22 6%, N Mann, 5 from 31, 16 1%, J Osborne, 7 from 47, 14.9%, J Pailton, 5 from 38, 13.2%

(£1,898: 2m 4f 110yd) (18 runners) 13-9 Lty Gesare, 9-2 Humpare Horace, 5-1 This Neitle Danger, 7-1 The Resisting Star, 10-1 Zillyo's-Star, 12-1 Mone: backson, 16-1 Celhic Song, 25-1 others.

1.15 HEWBY BRIDGE NOVICES CHASE

6-4 Propolatencing, 5-2 Pink Gar, 3-1 Boarding School, 7-1 Dollias, 25-1 Moss See.

(Amateurs: £1,660: 2m 4f 110yd) (14)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

7-4 Micc Fern, 3-1 Singlesole, 7-2 Height Of Fun, 6-1 Sixtra Spy, 8-1 Upstanding, 10-1 Bulle is Whistle, 10-1 Fast Crince, 14-1 others

2.40 DOUGLAS CONCRETE NOVICES CHASE

3.10 DEMON OF DISCONTENT HOVICES CHASE

3.40 BILLY GOOSE FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,625: 2m 110yd) (5)

5-4 Flying Speed. 2-1 San Lorenzo, 5-1 Jamestown Boy, 8-1 Fierce, 14-1 Whitppers Deligit. ☐ Jockey Norman Williamson completed a

152-1 double on Baladiya and Ross Venture at

Windsor on Saturday.

CARLISLE

12.45 My Desire. 1.15 Preoblakensky. 1.45 Pandessa. 2.15 West Ender. 2.45 Jock's Burn. 3.15

12.45 My Desire. 1.15 Preoblakensky. 1.45 Pandessa. 2.15 West Ender. 2.45 Jock's Burn. 3.15 Castle King. 3.45 Asian.

12.45 AMBLESIDE MAIDEN HURDLE

1.45 GREENALLS INNS HANDICAP HURDLE

Mrs A Farrell (3) 5-2 Pandessa, 4-1 Velent Desh, 9-2 Sery Mouer, 6-1 Camden knight, 9-1 Inventors, 12-1 Gymarak Samble, 14-1 Sweet Coy, 16-1 orders.

TRANSERS: W Melcan 3 somers from 7 numers, 42 9%, T late, 3 from 12, 25,0%, Mrs 6 Review, 9 from 39, 23,1%, D Melcain, 7 from 31, 22,5%, G Richards, 29 from 144, 20 1%, M Hammond, 9 from 46, 19,6% JOCKEYS. N. Dougsty, 22 winners from 74 rides, 29.7%, 5 Lyons, 5 from 17, 29 4%, P. Moven, 21 from 66, 24.4%, D. Gestrey, 5 from 21, 25.8%, M. Dieyer, 14 from 70, 20.0%, A. Dobbin, 4 from 20, 20.0%,

2.15 LUCIUS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,821: 3m 2f) (9)

| UPD_PLENTY CRACK 205 (CD.G.S) 8 Mactaggart 9-11-10 . C Grant 2 32-0 WITHY BANK 12 (F.G.S) Mrs S Smith 10-11-0 ... R Guest 3 P12- CLEFALDA 178 (BF.G.S) G Richards 9-11-0 ... N Douglay 4 P-PP MANHATTAN CHASE 12 (S) G Richards 9-10-12 B Harding (7) 5 f24- OURDUS JAAR 196 (C.F.S) I R Vinoribuses 9-10-6 ... S Tumer 6 F711 WEST EDOER 16 (C.F.S) J Jahrson 9-10-6 ... M Owyer 7 101- ABERGROUMS CHEF 196 (S) R, Olmer 7-10-0 ... A Orthod 9 0-12 REGAL ESTATE 12 (C.G.F.F.G.S) C Pade 7 10-0 ... B Storey 9 0-12 REGAL ESTATE 12 (C.G.S.R Egirstina 8-10-0 ... R Hodge (3) ... What family 6-13 control 1 and 1 an 15-8 West Ender, 5-2 Regal Estate, 4-1 Luby Minstrel, 5-1 Clidation, 12-1 Aber-cromby Chief, 20-1 others

2.45 BOWNESS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,674: 3m 110yd) (10)

3.15 windermere handicap chase (£2,521: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

9-4 Black Spur, 11-4 Castle King, 7-2 Garrobulf Movez, 9-2 Poelic Gem, 6-1 Real Class, 12-1 Highl Guest

3.45 CROSS FELL STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,371: 2m 1f) (24)

PAY M Buckby (7)

SARDNA SMITH 387 F Wallon 5-10-13 Mr R Hale (7)

THRU ROSE 31 A Eutran 6-10-13 Mr R Hale (7)

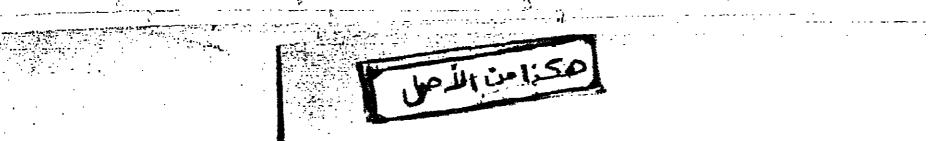
MISSIGERA R Polisky 4-10-11 D Barry (7)

WHA G Richards 4-10-11 B Harding (7)

WORFA G RICHARDS 31 G Moore 4-10-11 M Bertiey (7)

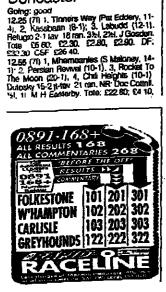
THE WHERLE WEEVIL G Richards 4-10-11 J Morphy (7) 6-4 Actan, 9-2 Nouvelle Classine, 7-1 Organic, 8-1 Manz's Roscoe, 10-1 Wishing Gate, 16-1 Mythical Storm, Nota, 20-1 The Withhe Weevel, 25-1 others.

The Newcastle stewards held an enquiry after Canny Chronicle, the 7-4 on favourite. finished last of three in the Ekbalco Hurdle. They accepted jockey Ross Campbell's explanation that the horse was never travelling or jumping with any degree of fluency after the third flight but ordered a routine dope test.



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Doncaster



22.90, 26.70, 24.90. DF £104.40. CSF: £150.88, Tricest £2.577.26. 2100.08. 19080: 12.577.28.
1.90 (1m 27 60)cd) 1, Plopin Park (Mrs G Bel, 14-1), 2, Lots O'Luck (4-1 fau); 3, Saint Cal (16-1); 4, Lody Lacey (14-1), 24 ran. Nk, nk, M Bell, Tote: 252.40; 27.00, £1.60, £5.10, £4.00. DF: £52.20. CSF: £75.39. 7rices: £500.10. Tricos: 5900.10.
2.05 (1m-4): 1, Turgenev (D Holland, 10-1); 2, Daru (11-4 fav); 3, Castoret (16-1); 4, Westholme (16-1): 25 ren. 164, 244. J Goeden. Tote: 517.40; 52.30, 51.70, 54.70, 52.70, 235-6. (1002) 235-6. (1002) 235-6. (1002) 235-6. (1002) 235-6. (1002) 236-6. (1002) 23

21 30, 23.10. Dr. E (8.70. CSF. 251.32 3.05 (fm 21 80);d) 1, Rocksawhite (W Ryen, 3-1); 2, Turbridge Wells (8-1); 3, Beschad (9-2) Highland Dress 5-4 lav. 15 ran. NR: Port Sunight, MJ. 29H H Ceoul, Folds £12.60; 23.10, 25.30, 21.80. DF; 544.50. CSF: £72.87. 572.87.
3.95 (7f) 1, Azilian (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, Foveshore (12-1); 3, Pount The Way (13-2). Nutritishin 11-8 few. 18 ran. 11, 19st. 3. Gosden. Tote: £4.80; £1.90, £3.50, £3.50. OF: £26.90, £8.70; £1.90, £3.50, £3.50. A.05 (58) 1, Branston Abby (M Roberts, 5-1 few), 2 Absolution (20-1); 3, Cartoris (14-1); 4, Belated (12-1), 22 ran. 114, 144. M Johnston, Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £6.90, £4.70, £2.50. DF: £140.60, £5.70. £2.50. DF: £140.60, £5.70.

Newcastle 1.20 1, Over The Deel (10-11 tay); 2, The Anteriex (11-2); 3, Fosbury (14-1); 5 ran. 1.50 1, Kickey (15-8 fay), 2, Hazel Leaf (10-1); 3, Sief The Greek (7-1); 14 ran. 2.20 1, Sandy Beau (10-1); 2, Thiny All (14-1); 3, Concert Paper (2-1 k-lay), Into The Trees 2-1 k-lay, 8 ran. Nr. Zam Bea. 2.50 1, Peanus Pet (8-4); 2, Son (6-1); 3, Contry Chronicle (4-7 tay); 3 ran. NR. Abbot Of Furness.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £31.678.48 | carried forward to Chekenham on Friday). Pacepot: 21,624,40. Chepstow 1.00 1, Bollin William (4-5 fav); 2, Mizyen (4-1); 3, Caribbean Prince (4-1); 4 ran. 1.30 1, Freeline Finishing (7-4 g-tay); 2, Deep Sersation (7-4 g-tay); 3, Campsea-Ach (9-2); 5 ran. Aur (9-2). 5 mm. 2.00 1, Mighty Mogul (11-8 lav); 2, Petosku (8-1); 3, Dara Doorre (8-1). 13 tan. 2.30 1, Shehdier (9-4); 21, Atterkelly (16-1); 21, Langdowne (35-1) On The Sauce 6-4 fav. 13 cst.

Tay 13 rat.
 Travelling Wrong (11-10 fav); 2,
 Annio Chilone (7-1); 3, Sound Of Jura (7-1).
 Inn. NRT Fair Crossing.
 3.83.1, Thumbe Up (4-6 fav); 2, Country Lad (50-1); 3, Floriens Glen (33-1) 11 ran.

3.20 1, Vain Prince (11-5); 2, Sir Peter Lety

(Evens lav); 3. Abercromby Cornel (20-1) 4 ran. 3.50 1. Native Crown (10-1); 2. Leading Role (6-1); 3. Palangun (6-1). Tellywagger 1-2 lav. 5 ran Windsor 1-10 1, Miss Hyde (14-1). 2, Desert Force (14-1). 3, Kernyatta (18-1). Debede 11-4 fav 20 ran. NR: And Me. 1,401, Balsadiya (33-1); 2. Northern Saddler (10-1). 3, Norstock (8-1). Lucky Agen 100-30 fav. 13 ran.

2.10 1, Ross Venture (7-2), 2, Brave De-lender (15-2); 3, Over And Above (15-8 lav). 2.40 1, Hurricane Blake (16-1), 2. River Red (25-1); 3. Lady Gwenmore (33-1). Howeryadoon 7-4 lev. 14 ran 3.10 1, Royal Saxon (10-1); 2, Hiram B Birdbath (11-1), 3, Red Ring (16-1) Mr Dor-mouse 7-4 lav. 10 ran.

Blinkered first time

There are no horses blinkered for the

18.2 16.0 15.6 14.1 13.3 12.8

Mouse 7-4 lay, 7u ran.
3.49 1, Ashfold Copse (5-4 p-lev); 2, Lake
Teereon (5-4 p-lev), 3, Wylem (33-1), 7 ran
NR: Proety Reception, Healo Grandad.
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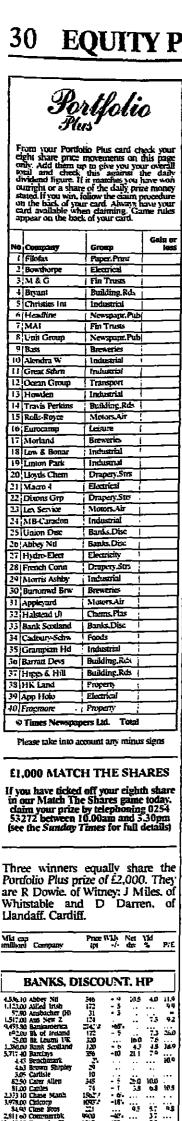
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Still keen to be seen as green

Despite economic pressures, many companies want to be environmentally

responsible. Derek Harris reports on a leading awards scheme

ecessionary rigours make it tougher for companies to pursue environmentally desirable policies. Sir Peter Parker admits. Yet the presi-

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dent of the Business Commitment to the Environment group of industrial and commercial leaders is still optimistic about the way the business world is learning that doing things right environmentally goes with commercial success. Sir Peter is a founder of the

committee, which for the 18th year has organised awards for businesses with outstanding environmental achievements. Five awards were presented in Harro-

gate last night by Michael Howard, the environment secretary. on the eve of the the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference. In addition. 18 businesses have won commendations, which will be conferred at the Royal Society of Arts, in London, on December 8.

The awards have been made in association with British Gas as the leading sponsor among a number of companies backing the awards. Awards go to projects that show not only environ-

ities and elements such as job Sir Peter, a former British Rail chairman, who now holds eight company chairmanships among his City appointments, puts the environmental view in the wake of evidence that recession effects have been blunting business concern with the environment. A survey by Henley Management College and Price Waterhouse has suggested that in the Thames Valley, hit by business closures, only a third of companies see the environment as important to their business, com-

pared with nearly a half that were

committed 12 months earlier.

mental care with resource savings

but also respect for local commun-

However, the response to this year's environmental awards does not seem to indicate any diminution of interest. Tony Shillingford, the awards secretary, says the figure. of 90 applications submitted for awards was "very good", since the recession must have held back some environmental schemes. Last year there were just over 100 applications.

Mr Shillingford says: "Applications have held up much better than during the recession of the early 1980s. Then there was a marked fall-off. It shows that now company investment in the environment is still a priority." Because

of the high quality of the entries, the number of commendations this year is highest in the award's history. Sir Peter also points

to the businesses that have won this year's premier awards. They nclude Kingfisher's B&Q DIY subsidiary, two construction materials companies -Hanson group's ARC and Redland's bricks subsidiary - NDM Manufacturing, the car components com-

founder pany, and Langham Glass, a small Norfolk-based crystal glass maker. Sir Peter says: "The thing about the premier award winners is that their commitment to the environment has gone hand in hand with commercial success. This is because it helps them to achieve commercial goals by enhancing their reputation in a number of ways — with present and prospective customers. the workforce and with local

Sir Peter: founder

The crucial factor, he believes, is that companies such as these have shown the way by integrating environmental policies with their wider commercial aims. Sir Peter says: "No longer is a show of environmental concern a mere add-on like a maraschino cherry dotted on a grapefruit. There is real



Net asset: pond-dipping to check the water quality at Crewe Business Park for wildlife

commitment." He believes it shows where all businesses must go during this decade to meet the demands of public opinion and legislation.

Sir Peter admits that much needs to be done in persuading the great majority of companies to appreciate that they should observe environmental standards.

He adds: "When you start to persuade them you can see some people implicitly asking the question, 'Do we really have to do this and our job as well? It is a question

of putting over the right message." It is not realistic to expect overnight conversions. Sir Peter refers to experience with integrating design into industrial and commercial thinking, one of his earlier campaigns. He explains: "At one time design was not something the manager had to think about. Yet in reality it is an astonishing challenge to the energy and imagination of a company. more than just a little thing you add on to make something proceed

Two decades on, the importance of design is widely understood, and specialised units are exploring it at all the business schools.

He sees design linking naturally with environmental concerns. He remembers that during his British Rail years, a "high-powered" design panel was set up, and, when he later established another, to explore environmental factors, many of the names suited to it were the same. And he recalls that British Rail was early in having an environment

How business will benefit

Michael Howard, the environment

secretary, on government plans

7 ith considerable foresight, the Business Commitment to the Environment Awards were started in 1975, long before the environment had become the crucial issue for business and politics that it is today. As opinion polls show, public concern remains high.

We now see growing evidence that the public not only want a better-quality environment but are increasingly expressing that wish in real choices. Polls tell them that readers and viewers want more environmental coverage. In the past, there was a tendency to view the solutions to environmental problems as ly-

ing primarily in gov-ernment hands. One of the most significant outcomes of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro this year was the recognition that governments alone cannot deliver the sustainable development on which the future quality of our environment depends. Business has a role to play since only

Howard: hopes munity can present the public with the greener goods and

services they want. Rio was also significant because for the first time the business community appeared on the international environmental stage as a fully participating partner. The successful initiatives of the Business Council on Sustainable Development and the International Chamber of Commerce in the preparations for Rio showed how much business has to contribute to solving, not just causing, environ-

mental problems. I am delighted to learn that there are now plans to establish an authoritative World Industry Council for the Environment to take these efforts forward.

My confidence in the role of such a council is firmly based on our own experience in the UK.

The Advisory Committee on Business and the Environment (ACBE), set up in 1991, under the dynamic chairmanship of John Collins of Shell, has shown iust what can be achieved by a contribution from the business community.

There are encouraging signs that the British business community is rising to meet the environmental challenge. There has been an enthusiastic response to BS7750, the new British standard on environmental management.

The Business and the Environment Task Team of Business in the Community has launched a number of successful initia-

> tives to take the environmental management message to small and mediumsize enterprises and the CBI has set up the Environment Business Forum to mobilnationwide.

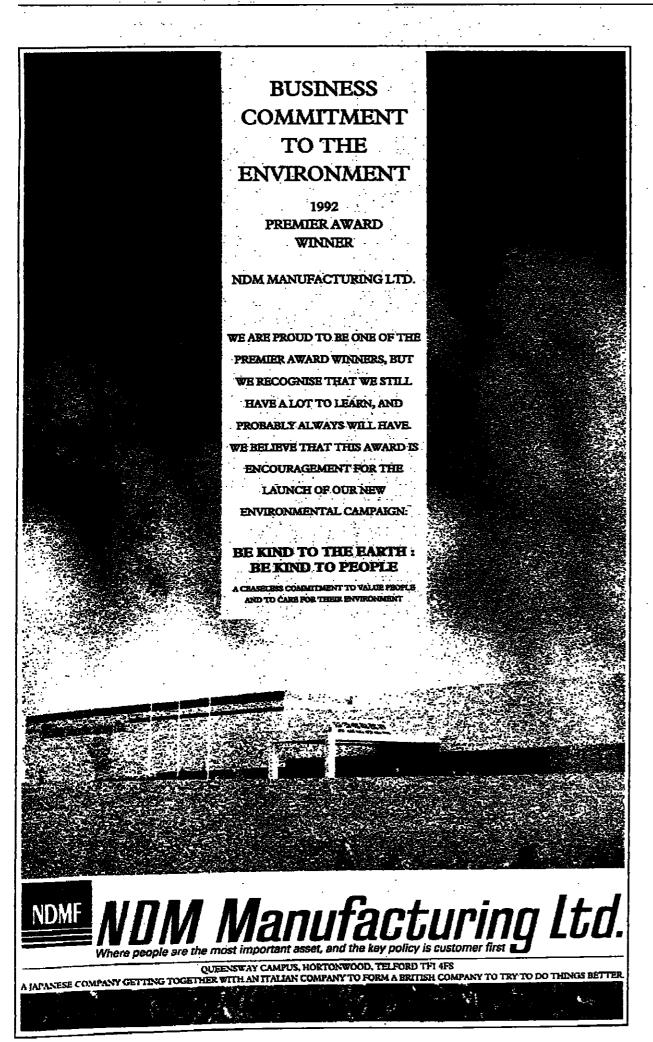
As the economy moves into recovery, the environment will move even higher up the public and political agenda. But this

need not be a threatening pros-pect. Those businesses that have responded to it will be well placed to take advantage of the opportunities the greener markets will offer. They are likely to be large.

Latest surveys suggest the glob-al market for environmental goods and services will grow to \$300 billion (about £190 billion) annually by 2000.

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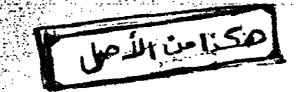
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Five leaders in the field

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vere made this year. The recipients include household names such as B & Q, the DIY stores chain, and, in construction materials. Redland and ARC. Also among the five were a car-components joint venture between Japanese and Italian interests and a small indepenbeen growing controversy as

B&Q

dent glass-maker.

PIONEERING work to bring to gardeners and horticulturalists new ways of mak-ing their plants thrive earned a premier award for B & Q, the DiY market leader, which, like Woolworth, is part of the Kingfisher group.

When Dr Alan Knight was appointed B&Q's environmental co-ordinator just two years ago, he decided pear was an important issue. This also appeared likely to be a difficult

Britain's gardeners and many horticulturalists love peat as an aid to plant propagation and soil conditioning. At the same time there has **Derek Harris** reports on

the winning companies

environmentalists have warned of the damage being done by peat extraction to a unique habitat for rare plants, insects and birds. For 18 months, Dr Knight, B&Q and its suppliers mounted a project to find suitable substifutes, and gradually the new products came on stream from composted wood scrap from furniture manufacturing to composted bark. Quality controls and sterilisation were used effectively to bring coir dust, produced in Sri Lanka, into the family of peat-free

garden products. B&Q, the first retailer to launch peat-free growing bags, has followed an equalised pricing policy as between non-peat and peat-based products to maximise consumer



NDM's Karl Ageishi, left, Henry Ohiwa and Alan Jones

ARC, the construction materials producer which is Britain's second largest supplier of ready-mixed concrete, won a premier award for a scheme in which it literally moved a mountain of quarry waste in a vast recycling operation for tunnel and roadworks around Conwy on the North Wales

A five-year scheme, during which 1.7 million tonnes of quarry waste was used for mntracts developing the A55 trunk road, cleared an entire scarred hillside above Penmaenmawr in Gwynedd. It removed tips of waste dumped

over 150 years by earlier quarry operators. It has allowed 65 acres of hillside to be landscaped to blend more naturally with the surrounding area. Selling the waste for the improvements helped ARC to finance the environmental improvements.

Ian Menzies-Gow, chief executive of ARC, part of the Hanson group, said: "The development of our group's environmental policy underlines the importance we attach to this aspect of business life."

DEVELOPING a system of brickmaking which achieved three notable environmental advantages earned a premier award for Redland Bricks. part of the Redland group.

The advances have been made at Tilmanstone brickworks in Kent, which went into production last year. Redland says the plant is the first in the United Kingdom to use the type of shale there in an environmentally acceptable process to turn out high volurnes of stock bricks. The shale is used as a combustible ele-

ment needed in brickmaking. The system at Tilmanstone simultaneously cuts the need for day extraction and recycles unsightly shale spoil heaps left by coal mining.

technology, the creation of optimum working conditions and pioneering the elimination of environmentally unacceptable materials are all elements adopted by Telfordbased NDM Manufacturing, vinner of a premium award. NDM is a joint venture between Japan's Nippon-

tems for cars.

terns. Solvent-based paints were dropped in favour of the denso and Italy's Magnetti Marelli. Both are car compomore environmentally friendly powder coatings.

A cut above: Langham Glass, which makes lead crystal glassware, wins a premier award

nent-makers with a multi-national spread and the Telford venture produces air conditioning and heating sys-Ajan Jones, a director and general manager at the Telford plant, said: "More It was early into eliminating than £65 million has been chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) invested in this plant and the from its air conditioning syspresent workforce of 160 should rise to 550 by 1995. We have concentrated not only on direct environmental ef-

fects but also see as our most important asset our people. We are all associates and there are no distinctions. whether in the dining room or elsewhere. We also work closely with the local community, such as in health and

TINY Langham Glass, which makes a range of lead crystal glassware near Holi in north Norfolk, has won a premier award despite its size, shrugging off competition from big

Langham Glass was set up

in 1980 by Paul Miller, a earlier worked at a former Wedgwood glassmaking fac-

tory in King's Lynn. He set about the conversion of derelict, 18th century farm buildings, and the Rural Development Commission, the government agency which encourages growth of country businesses, helped fund the building conversions.

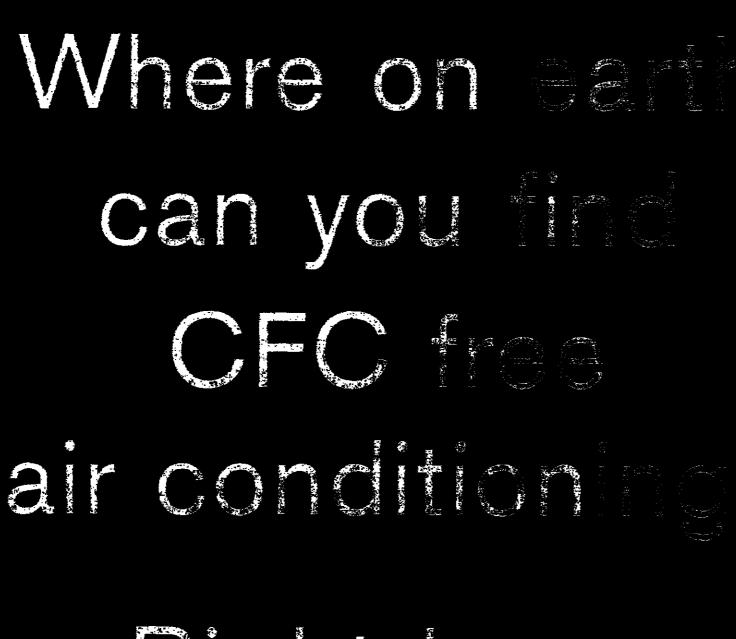
In the past 18 months inprovements added have included a restaurant a museum and education centre, a video room, an adventure playground and a gift shop. Extensive landscaping has also been carried out. One result was that this year has seen a record 100,000 visitors going to Langham up to the end of the summer season, a 25 per cent increase on last year.

Mr Miller said the recession had affected sales, but the increase in tourist activity had helped to redress the balance. "Investing in making Lang-ham more of a visitor attraction has paid dividends."

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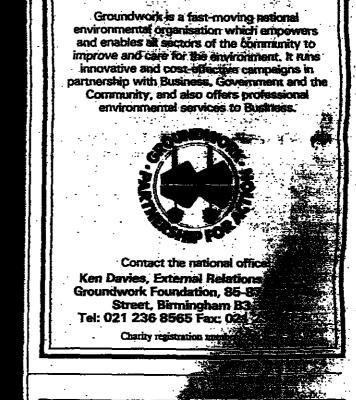
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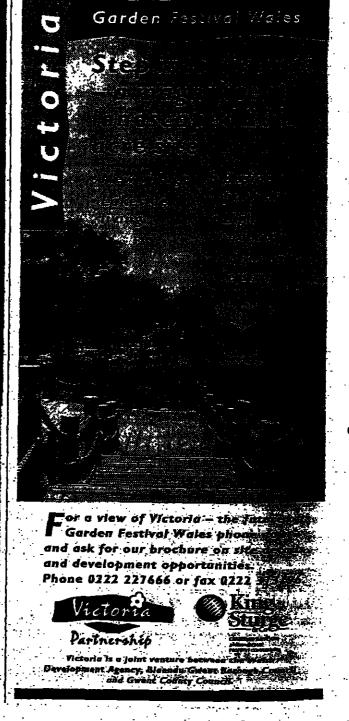
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Giants show the way

et us recall Dr John-son, and one of his more celebrated aphorisms in looking at the level of environmental concern in British business today.

The prospect of bankruptcy in a recession may not be quite as dramatic as the prospect of being hanged in a fortnight, but it has the same effect: it concentrates the mind wonderfully.

Minds are wonderfully concentrated on survival in British business these days, to the exclusion, we might expect, of any concerns that do not directly prop up the bottom line of profitability - such as the environment.

There must have been an echo in many executive breasts to the heartfelt cry of Sir Tony Cleaver, IBM's chairman and perhaps the leading force in the greening of British industry: "When our main concern is keeping out of the red. do you really expect us to be green?" There are certainly strong indications now that in some quarters of business, environmental concern is disappearing under the recession's impact, as it is disappearing among consumers. What is surprising is that in one particular area of the British business world — the top — the green agenda seems to be holding its own.

This will have come as no surprise to the politician who has done more than anyone else to make British industry take the environmental plunge, Michael Heseltine, environment secretary turned president of the board of trade. He prophesied it three years ago, when environmentalism seemed finally to have con-

quered Western society. In September 1989, Mr Heseltine, then on the back benches, analysed the new concern as a phenomenon of prosperity, and forecast that if the good times went, environmentalism as a mass interest would follow. "If prosperity were to disappear, the concern of the people would be for their own immediate living stan-dards," he said. "People who need to provide food do not pursue conservation policies."

So it has come to pass. Look first at the weather-vane of ordinary people's feelings, politics. The environment played no part whatsoever in the last

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Industry is convinced.

says Michael McCarthy

election, when the Green party could muster only 1.3 per cent of the national vote. When the new session of Parliament opened, the government felt able to leave its entire environ-mental legislative programme out of the Queen's speech.

Recent work by Mori, the opinion pollsters, shows that this falling-off of concern is showing in public behaviour : the green consumer is paling rapidly. In Mori's annual Business and the Environment" report, available to private clients last week the proportion of green consumers — those who chose one product over another because of its environmentally friendly packaging, formulation or advertising — is shown to have fallen from 49 per cent to 40 per cent between July 1991 and July 1992.

in the same period, people's willingness to donate to envi-ronment-related charities fell from 57 per cent to 49 per cent; subscription to environment-related magazines fell from 15 per cent to 10 per cent; and membership of environmental groups fell from 13 per cent to 8 per cent.

This decline in the environments importance to the conreflected in the attitudes of small and medium-size firms, according to a survey by Henley Management College and the accountants Price Waterhouse, of 350 com-panies in the "golden triangle" of the Thames Valley between Heathrow airport, Oxford and

In the survey, of an area where business closures had risen 56 per cent in one year, 65 per cent of businesses surveyêd said a "green edge" was irrelevant to competitive advantage, and 67 per cent of bosses said the environment was unimportant for their core business. "Apart from guarding against possible violations of legislation," the survey re-



ported, "companies are not willing to invest heavily in environmental procedures or

Is this, then, the end of the green dream for British business, "the green renaissance" that Mr Heseltine described fewer than two years ago as essential? Perhaps not. If one looks at a similar survey of the top echelons of British busiss, the picture is different. In Mori's annual "Captains of Industry survey of the attitudes of chairmen, chief executives and managing directors of The Times 500 British companies, the proportion dis-satisfied with British industry's concern for the environment has fallen in the last year from 53 to 42 per cent.

Robert Worcester, Mori's chairman, says: "This represents major companies taking action, giving environmental attitudes considerably greater emphasis, setting up board-level committees and generating a corporate environmental

urthermore, the sur-vey shows that 47 per cent of such senior executives think that the best way environmental damage in Britain could be reduced is by legal penalties. Mr Worcester says: "I see

companies recognising that the environment has a highorder of priority, to the extent that nearly half of them are willing to countenance govemment sanctions." The difference between

those which have kept environment concerns on board

and those which have jettisoned them during the economic storm appears to be stze. Big companies see an important strategic concern. small firms see an irrelevance in the way of profit or simply survival.

This is immediately confirmed by Andrew Blaza, head of the CBI's environment management unit. "Large companies now see the environment as an important part of their strategic planning. But we still have not got the message through to small firms that the environment is not a cost burden or a threat,

but an opportunity," he says.
"The message has got
through to the top, but not lower down, where they think there's nothing in it for them, but there is, even in recession."

Every business studies course needs a green element

Clean sweep of the **MBAs**

The long slog to put environmental issues at the top of the business agenda is reflected in the efforts of academics to make them a central part of general management programmes. At MEB, revels in the progress first sight, the commitment of but warns that there is no business schools to environroom for complacency. "Five mental studies seems rockyears ago there wasn't a single solid. Buoyed up by a tide of donations and endowments,

sponsored chairs in environment-related disciplines have sprung up in leading schools on both sides of the Atlantic. The difficulty, however, lies in ensuring that environmental management is not relegated to the sidelines.

In August, Manchester Business School's work in environmental management was strengthened by the appointment of a new professor in corporate responsibility, Dr Brian Harvey.

The danger in setting up a centre that specialises in environmental issues is that it winds up producing only spe-cialist courses, rather than ensuring that these issues feed into every part of the curriculum," says Nigel Roome, lecturer in corporate responsibility at Manchester Business School. So academic staff in environmental management are pushing to make their discipline a required subject of MBA programmes. rather than solely the basis for "elective" courses chosen only by a small minority.

In America, the Environmental Protection Agency helped to set up a new centre. the Management Institute for Environment and Business. This explores ways in which environmental issues can be better integrated into management research and education. Last year, it launched a private programme to develop teaching materials linking environmental issues into "core" courses such as mar-



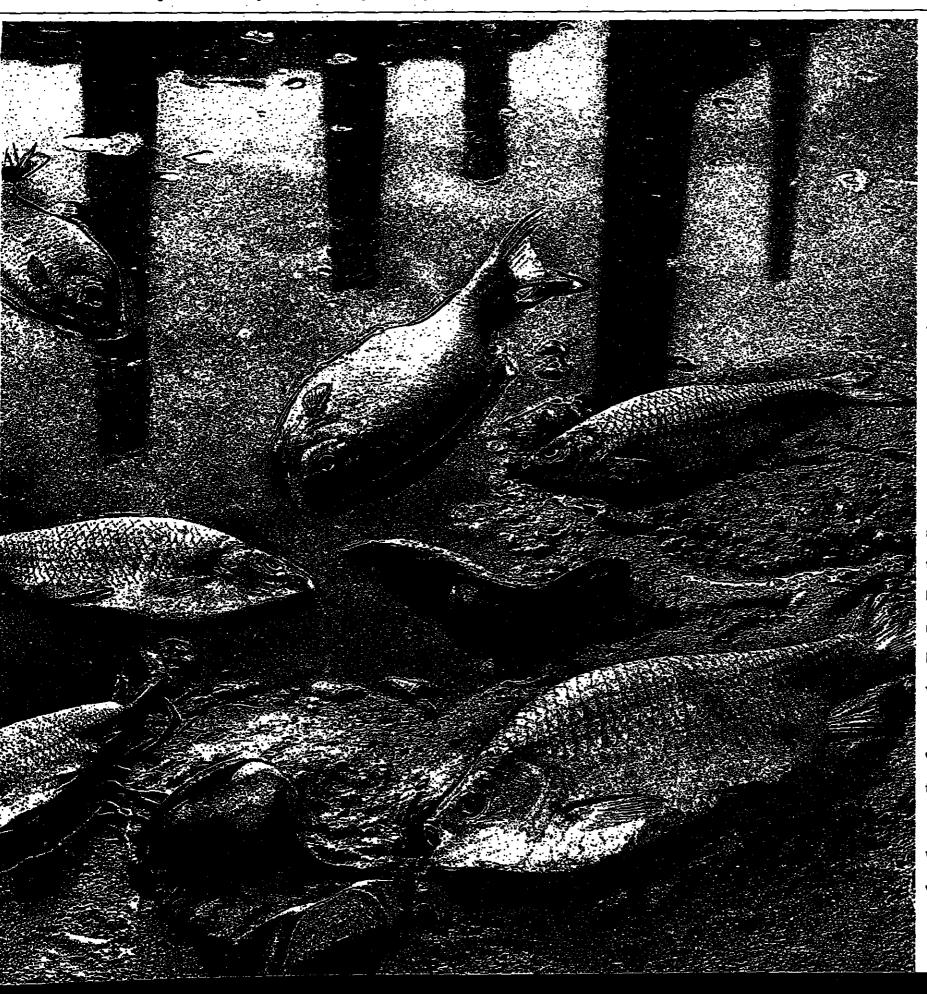
Professors Nigel Roome, left, and Brian Harvey duction. It has also conducted school offering even so much research inside companies as a specialist course in the looking at how strategic planenvironment." she says. "Now ning is affected by environabout 100 schools around the world are either offcring new mental pressures. Marcy Trent, director of environmental courses or in-

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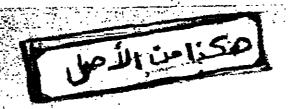
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are attracting interest.

The big companies have

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er businesses may not have

had the time or opportunity in

the past to keep abreast of the

changes, but now they can use

the databanks being built up.

business forum is thriving,

This was set up a year ago after a call from Michael Heseltine,

the then environment secre-

tary, for an association of

businesses to consider forth-

coming legislation. Already 150 companies, including BT,

ICI, Rover, Boots, BA, BP

Chemicals and the AA, have

joined and another 500 have

expressed interest. Rebecca Hargreaves, an ad-

viser in the CBI's environment

management unit, says that

when the forum was an-

nounced only the larger com-panies joined, but the smaller

businesses followed as it be-

Membership involves fol-

lowing criteria that include the

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came more widely known.

The CBI's environment

Year of achievement

ecognition that busi-ness sites can be beautiful and an asset to the environment has gained so much ground that a record number of commendations has been made this year in the Business Commitment to the Environment Awards.

The 20 schemes chosen for commendations have been undertaken by both small companies and national concerns. They range from creating wildlife sanctuaries to developing new processes to eliminate toxic waste. Usually between 12 and 15 commendations are made, but this year the entries were considered of

exceptional quality.

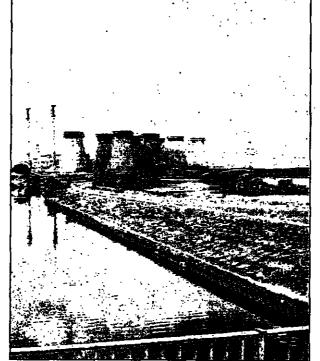
The recipients include British Steel commended for three initiatives - removal of fume odour at Cookley Works in the West Midlands, a continuous effluent monitoring scheme at Scunthorpe Works, and a new iron desulphurisation facility at Teesside Works, Redcar.

Nuclear Electric has underlined its commitment to the environment with the creation of a 25-year land management plan for all its power stations. Work at Hinkley Point power station on a 220acre site at the foot of the Quantocks and bordering Bridgwater Bay, where more than 10,000 trees and shrubs have been planted in four years, has been rewarded with a commendation. A nature trail due to open next spring, will enable visitors to see maintained hedgerows and woodlands that are home to 14 species of bird and 13 species of butterfly.

Peter Welsh, the Hinkley Point power station manager. says: "There is no reason why an industrial site should automarically be assumed to be an environmental wasteland. With a little thought and care it is within everybody's capability to create an ecological oasis in an otherwise function-

PowerGen, keen to show that power generation and natural conservation can work successfully side by side, has been commended for the development of an environmental project at its 820-acre Warrington site. A £250.000 visitors' centre was opened earlier this year at Fiddler's Ferry

More awards than ever have been made this year. Irene Farnsworth describes the winners' schemes



The Wakefield Groundwork Trust improves a canalside

way increasingly being used for leisure features in the

commendation awarded to

British Waterways Aire and

Calder Navigations, West Yorkshire. The award recog-

nises the commitment to a

programme of environmental

improvements to the whole

length of the canal done in

partnership with Wakefield

workaday image but the envi-

ronment is changing," says

'Industry and leisure co-exist,

the one complementing the

other. The award is an enor-

mous boost and will help to

raise our profile. Ten years ago

there were no fish in the canal.

Now they are coming back.

Heron, grebe and kingfishers

have established themselves,

Exhilarated by its success in

staging Garden Festival Wales, the fifth and final in a

national series, Blaenau

Gwent Borough Council gets

and we also have deer."

Mike Harrison, the manager.

The canal had a very grimy

Groundwork Trust.

power station with the aim of explaining, primarily to schoolchildren, how electricity is made and how the station fits into the local environment.

Bob Neish, the station manager, says: "We have a strong commitment to conserving the many different habitats on the site." Warm water from the cooling towers at the coal-fired station on the Mersey estuary is recycled for use by a fish farm on the site. The power station site has provided ash for a superstore in Knotty Ash and construction work at Manchester airport

Manchester airport and Macclesfield & Vale Royal Groundwork Trust gain an award for an aviation viewing park, and not far away the widely acclaimed Crewe Business Park, providing the green image that more and more businesses are seeking, is named in an award going to Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council and Cheshire County Council.

An efficient freight water- a further boost with a com-

mendation. The council sees the award as recognition of its vision to transform an industrial valley into a vibrant community with homes, a business park and leisure activities, helped by a £20 million grant from the Welsh Development Agency.
The council drew up a plan

for the regeneration of a twomile stretch of derelict land, a legacy from traditional industries, and the festival park covers 200 acres. All sloped landscapes, the lake, sculptures, woodlands, a village of 500 houses, a traditional village shopping centre and a business park will remain.

THE COMMENDATIONS: Albright & Wilson, Whitehaven works, Cumbria; elimination of heavy metal discharge to sea. Borough of Blaenau Gwent, Ebbw Vale, Gwent; garden festival. vale, Gwent; gartien lestival.

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phone instrument recycling. Manchester airport/Macclesticid & Vale Royal Groundwork Trust: viewing park, Manchester airport. Nuclear Electric, Gloucester: Hinkley Point power station PowerGen, near Warrington, Cheshire, Fiddler's Ferry power

station wildlife. with Building Design Partner-ship, Preston, Lancashire, Fylde Boots, retailing and chemist group. Nottingham: re-use of Industry is forming groups to encourage a better way of working

Business is facing the challenge of new environmental demands **Industries** ronmental demands and laws with enthusiasm, awareness and pooled reclean up sources and information. Both the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and the British Urban Regeneration Association (Bura) have schemes that



The Prince of Wales visits an urban village in Edinburgh

policy, which is then pub-lished. The objectives must be realistic and set in a timescale. The company must publish a summary of its intentions for example, on reducing emissions, waste control, energy conservation and recycling. The company has to submit an annual report about its progress, which will be available to the public.

There is also an associate member category for organisations such as trade associations and employer bodies that can help to promote the ideals. Bura's database is different. mental officer responsible for a collation of information private or voluntary sectors. A recent addition is from a 15member team that spent eight days in Japan and saw the plans for four cities. The group was led by Bura's president, Lord Jenkin of Roding, who said: "We all profited immensely by the insights into urban renewal as practised in Japan and came away impressed both with the breadth of their vision and the scale on

from all over the world; avail-

able to anybody in the public.

which projects are conceived." The team was particularly impressed with the long term commitment of the Japanese.

and as a result the association is forming a group to see how the lessons learnt can be applied here.

Bura was set up as an independent non-political body in 1990 to fill a gap because there was no pool of knowledge about urban regeneration. Giles Brown. the editor of Bura News. says: "So often organisations involved in urban regeneration have reinvented solutions already discovered elsewhere. Bura provides an umbrella for discussing these solutions."

High on its list of objectives is the clearing of contaminated land left by heavy industry such as steel, iron and coal, and landscaping them for research and development or

for light industry.

Another priority is the creation of urban villages, a scheme to make inner-city areas attractive places in which to work and live. The scheme. in which the Prince of Wales has shown a great interest, follows The Urban Villages Report, published in the summer. It envisages "villages" covering about 100 acres and supporting a population of between 3,000 and 5,000

people.

The report said: "The urban village idea is to put back the heritage in the inner city. People no longer live near their workplace in the inner cities, and by 8pm these areas

DAVID THURLOW

Audit helps strategic plans

GROUNDWORK is the body of 30 trusts set up by Michael Heseltine, then environment secretary, and the Countryside Commission 10 years ago to join industry in restoring England's green and pleasant land. By co-operating with business, it is helping to promote good practice. writes

David Thurlow.

Eliminating industrial smells and emissions can be just as important as, say, landscaping." Improving business performance like that has just as much effect on the environment as having a nice park," says John Smith, a BP senior executive who was seconded to Groundwork two years ago and is now a consultant developing business connections.

Last week Mr Smith ran a training course for 18. Groundwork professionals, who will join 20 already working on confidential environmental reviews of small and medium-sized businesses, on request. At a transport company, for example, the review team would look at energy saving, waste disposal of oil and fuel, noise, movement of goods, packag-ing and the effect on people living around Feeling environmentally challenged? Then

call for Groundwork

We are developing our business arm more to help the small and medium businesses with up to 200 employees,"

says Mr Smith. So far Groundwork teams have carried out 150 reviews, sponsored by BP. The aim is for a team to go into a business for up to a week and examine all aspects to see how it is working, how it can be improved and how the firm can prepare for forthcoming legislation. In this way they can reduce the cost when the

"Mr Average does not want to go to a big conference or seminar in London or Manchester. He wants advice on the ground, and because we have 30 trusts we are locally positioned to do that. Businesses have to plan to prepare themselves for the needs of the future, but have no time to understand all the bits and pieces.

Once we assist them they are in a strong position to plan a sound environmental strategy. New regulations are coming in all the time and one of our key objectives is to create sustainable links between Groundwork and the business

British Gas is carrying out its own environmental audit of all its 4,000 sites in 50 countries. The audit is on the same lines as the reviews undertaken by Groundwork and with the same end in mind: a better environment, an ideal of increasing interest to business. The British Gas audit, which cost £5 million to start up, is now one third completed.

The audit takes in more than the buildings and the physical impact of a site. It looks at the installation and everything that goes on, and the effect on the surrounding community, liaising with the local people and schools, to see what is good and not so good.

Denise Church, business issues manager at British Gas, said: "We are testing whether we are doing all we should be doing, and looking for examples of good practice and experience."

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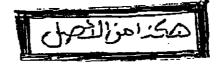
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TELEVISION page 36 The little people come out of hiding as The Borrowers becomes a cosy teatime serial

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Wexford Trilogy: vivid portrait of small-town alienation from one of Ireland's best dramatists



THEATRE: Good new plays for children will nurture the adult audiences of tomorrow, argues Andy Lavender



arlier this year, W.H. Smith launched its Plays for Children Awards, making available £20,000 in prize money to be divided between the four best plays written for young audiences. The response asionished everyone in-volved. The West Yorkshire Playhouse, which will stage at least one of the winning entries, received over 700 scripts among which, according to the Playhouse's artistic director Jude Kelly, "there's a lot of good stuff". Judging has just

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Even allowing that playwrights are usually desperate for cash, the awards have clearly struck a nerve. Not before time, says Kelly. "When I see good children's theatre it excites me so much, but there isn't a lot of very good work around. Theatre writers don't think of children as a demanding audience, and there's no prestige in writing good shows for families or for

The awards are intended to change all that. Writers lured to this new young world will find that it is: already on the move. There are now over 300 companies produc-

Stage-struck from the start

ing plays specifically for young audiences. Many are affiliated to the Children's Theatre Association, a development organisation whose very presence betokens the in-creased sophistication of this area of work. London has two venue-based companies (the Polka and the Unicorn) catering exclusively to the under-12s, and child-friendly theatres across the country include plays for children in their

Pre-eminent in this respect is the National Theatre. Last week saw the start of "Breaking Boundaries", a mini-festival of shows at the National and Kilburn's Tricycle Theatre (now touring), performed by some of Europe's leading children's threatre companies. Here, we are in the realm of something more sophisticated than a few grimacing clowns indulging in a spot of juggling. "The work pro-duced in Europe is very different

from that produced here," says Jenny Harris, the National's head of education. "It's much more adventurous, challenging and exciting. Children's theatre in this country is considered as something you do to get your Equity card, then you grow up and become a real actor. On the Continent it's taken much more seriously."

It is taken seriously at the National now as well. Early in his reign the theatre's director, Richard Eyre, stated his ambition to have a show for young and innered in the

show for young audiences in the repertoire throughout the whole year. That has not yet happened, but a host of current and forthcoming productions suggest that it is a challenge the theatre is not taking

Not that everything in the children's theatre garden is rosy. Companies complain that they have suffered a "battering" over the past few years, as legislative reforms

to arts funding, local government arts provision and the national curriculum have each, one way or another, had an adverse effect on the field. Children's theatre, almost by definition, needs extra subsidy. Tickets must be cheap, and venues can hardly expect to sell great quantities of beer during the interval. But those involved are adamant that its production values must match those expected by

In the long-term, in any case, there is a clear economic reason as well as educational and philanthropic arguments — for producing first-rate children's theatre. Twenty per cent of Britain's population is aged under 16 and, in the words of recent report commissioned by the Children's Theatre Association. "the young are increasingly seen by mainstream venues as the last untapped market segment". What should companies bear in

"People who produce theatre for children often think that children just want fun and games," says Jenny Harris. "That's absolutely not true. Children like strong characters, good plots, but they also like very imagistic things where their visual imagination is challenged." Children, she insists, have bigger minds than many adults

mind when they start tapping?

Amanda Harris of Kneehigl Theatre Company, a touring outfit based in Truro, remembers that when her company presented 1bsen's Peer Gynt, "teachers were worried that the story was too complex". But the children didn't worry at all. "They enjoy big characters, they like surprise and they like spectacle." This clearly offers new vistas to

the writer. It is therefore less surprising that the country's fore-

atre, Alan Avckbourn, has started exploring them. In the last six years Ayckbourn has written five plays specifically for family audiences ("I'm very interested in providing plays that parents can sit and watch with their children," he remarks). The most recent, Mr A's Amazing Maze Plays, appeared at the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarbor-

National Theatre in the spring. "I discovered that laughter is quite low on children's priorities." Ayckbourn observes. "They don't mind a laugh, but actually the emotional palate is wider than that. What do we remember from our childhood? Not the funny jokes but Bambi's mother dying, for God's sake. At least 1 do. I remember the things that frightened me, that made me cry. So children want tears, some sadness, some excitement, some tension, some fear as

Nige gives armchair listeners a hand

ough and is set to open at the

think you can ever scare them enough, they like that — as well as. of course, humour."

This kind of playwriting, then, is not a holiday from serious work.

"God, no, no, no!" exclaims Ayckbourn. "The thing about writing for children is that you've got to be really good, really on top of your craft. Children's thearre, for me. has sharpened up my perceptions as a dramatist. An adult will always give you ten minutes at the beginning of a play. Kids just look at it and say boring within seconds or if you are lucky become totally and captivatedly involved with it. The nice thing is that they're a generation that comes from the computer world and television, where images move very fast. You can take them at quite a speed, and they'll jump with you.'

There is a future payoff, too. "We've got to give children the best theatre we can, and not stint them," says Ayckbourn, "because the experience they get before they re the age of 12 is going to last them a lifetime. We're going to be very grateful to them when they are 40year-old people bringing their own children."

OPERA: Martin Hoyle previews a fascinating London premiere

Stranger without the voices

ier Paolo Pasolini's film Teorema is familiar to British audiences: a very 1960s allegory of a beautiful stranger (Terence Stamp) who arrives in a well-to-do Milanese household, seduces parents, children and servant, and departs as mysteriously as he appeared. The family disinregrates, revealing, according Giorgio Battistelli, the hypocritical unity based on aise bourgeois values". Battistelli is the composer,

still in his thirties, whose setting of Teorema as music theatre reaches the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Wednesday. A dapper, bearded figure, he looks more like an Elizabethan swashbuckler than a Dave Spart, and soon admits that the political message of the original was relevant to a specific period and particular circumstances.

His interpretation of the stranger reflects this. "I once asked Pasolini if this was an angel or a demon. He smiled and said 'half angel, half gemon." The composer sees the unknown guest as a sort of exterminating angel and is delighted that the production by Lucy Bailey — the young English director, most recently involved with John Tavener's

Many of Egypt — echoes this. For Battistelli the barriers petween theatre and music are paper-thin; he finds drama inherent "not in music, as in Wagner," he insists, "but in of instruments to portray indi-

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Giorgio Battistelli's Teorema: breaking down barriers between music and theatre

daughter's insanity, complete with harp, is an affectionate nod towards traditional musical madness - is taken further to include the sounds of everyday life "objects, things, household noises, recreating the sounds we hear in the house, the office, the city".

When not playing, the or-chestra is responsible for providing the sound of breaking glass, alarm clocks, running water and much else. Despite a massive use of amplification. with loudspeakers suspended over the audience. Battistelli insists that all the sounds are

riduals or emotions — the ing electronic, no tape." laughter's insanity, complete And, despite the work's categorisation as an opera. there is a surprising lack of another ingredient. "For the first time we have an opera with no singers — or rather, mute singers, without voices." says the composer proudly. "In the film the characters talked very little. Movements, looks, silences were important." In the opera verbal contributions are saved for narration while the main characters move through their artificial half-life in a near trance, almost in suspended

> animation. The work had its premiere

since been performed in Munich, as belits another brainchild of Hans Werner Henze with his transalpine festival axis. As with Turnage's Greek, Henze's flair for assembling a creative team pays dividends. The Italian press seemed affronted that the sacred Pasolini should have been touched: foreign critics (including this paper's) were fascinated. The European Arts Festival raises its rather blurred profile with what should be a memorable contribution.

• Teorema is at the Queen Eliza-beth Hall. South Bank, London

THE musical virtues of Nigel Kennedy's new recording of ADTC market in Covent Garden — has usually managed to send **ARTS**

the Beethoven Violin Concerto have yet to be assessed by the critics, but in one respect the CD certainly scores over the recordings by Menuhin, Perlman. Oistrakh and the rest. It begins with a track entitled "Tuning and Applause" - 72 seconds of the stuff. The idea is presumably to give armchair listeners the impression of being in a to 20. concert hall. Or, in the immortal words of the fiddler's own sleevenote: "I hope you have the muvver of all 'real live'

experiences with this album." Kennedy's sleevenote also includes the "revelation" that other live recordings are sometimes touched up in the studio afterwards: news that will come as a rude surprise to nobody at all. And for good measure Kennedy throws in his standard abuse of music critics from the "elitist press". He feels they are "making a living out of bullshitting about

music' EMI, the company which has brought out the CD, is not exactly rushing to endorse Kennedy's attack of the people responsible for reviewing EMI recordings. "Nigel does his own sleevenotes, and he is entitled to write what he wants," says an EMI spokesman carefully.

● LAST April's 16 perfor mances of Robert Lepage's solo show Needles and Opium were virtually sold out before its opening night, so those who missed out last

BRIEFING

ic, would be wise to move smartish when the show - 90 minutes of mesmeric film. soliloguy, acrobatics and jazz - returns: five performances only at the National Theatre (Olivier) from November 16

Delays en route

WHATEVER the complaints about the capital's buses and trains, the London Transport Museum — which opened 12 years ago in the old flower

visitors into transports of delight. Around 160,000 people gawp at the old trams each

The bad news is that the museum is to close next March: the good news is that it will reopen in December 1993 completely refurbished and expanded to include new galleries. The cost, £3.5 million, will be borne by London Transport, which is required by law to preserve its historic collections. What will be in the new galleries? One at least will he devoted to "telling the story of the Underground map", one of the great triumphs of

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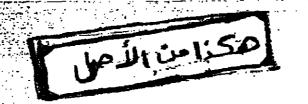
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FROM the pun in its title to the dancing in the aisles finale, Good Rockin' Tonite has been among the brightest of the pop and rock compilation shows that once threatened to take over the West End. The paper-thin narrative of television producer Jack Good's obsession with rock 'n' roll is wrapped around pop songs from the mid-Fifties through to the Sixties, belted out by a multi-talented cast, young lookalikes for everyone from Gene Vincent to the Vernons Girls. It will surely resurface on tour, but for now it closes at the Prince of Wales (071-839 5987) on Saturday.



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AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Hannah Gordon, Anna Cartere, Marin Shaw and David Yelland head a starry cast in na: should a politician resign when his criminal follies are discovered? Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085) Previews langfill, tomorrow, 7 45pm; opens Wed, 7pm.

SEI PERSONAGGI IN CERCA
D'ALTORE: Franco Zelfreil's updated
version of Prandello is brought here for
the European Arte Festhal and given six
performances (in Italian)
National (Lyttetton), South Bank, SEI
(071-968 252), Tonight, 7pm,
tomorrow-Sat, 7.30pm.

BETTY CARTIER TRIO: The husky-voiced singer, inhelly influenced by Silter Holiday and Sarah Vaughan, has longed a distinctive style offering inspired interpretations of the familiar tunes.

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Donmer Warehouse, Earliam Street, WC2 (071–87 1150) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 105mins. DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ariel

Ross make up the cast. Duke of York's, St Maron's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Set, 8pm, mals Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 130mms. THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA: The agonies of sensual repression revealed in Kabe Mitchell's repression revealed in Kane section is tense production of Lonce's last play Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706) Mon-Sai, 7.30pm, mat Sai, 2.30pm, 120mins, Finet week, IT FROMS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in Li II Hores in II in Product. Lains in the hospital continon room; matrical outraged; doctors flummosed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laught. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401) Mon-Fn. 8pm. Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs. 3pm. Sat, 5.30pm.

 JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kaulman, Excellent cast led by Adam Godley and Frank Lazarus. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sal, 7 45pm, mat Sal, 3pm

☐ KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, It coarsens the values of Manuel Pug's novel but Chita Fivera mekes a striking vamp Shaffesbury, Shaffesbury Avenus, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat Spm, mats Wed, Sat. 3pm, 160mins.

MAKING IT BETTER: Lust. treachery and ambition revealed as an English couple harbour two Czechoslovakian erales. Jane Asher heads an exceptional cast in James Saunders's intelligent play. Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-539 4468) Mon-Fri, Sprn, Sat. 8.30pm. mats Tues, 3pm, Sat. 5.30pm.

CI MURDER BY MISADVENTURE: Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play onme writers who fall out and pat their

<u>NEW RELEASES</u>

THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS (12): Romance and adventure in the American colonies with frontiersman Daniel Day-Lewis. Shallow version of the classic novel, director Michael Marin With Madeleine Stowe, Russell Means, Camden Partneray (071-267 7034) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Neymarket (071-639 1527)
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FLAMING EARS: Low-budget, futuristic lesbian adventure from Austrian film-makers Angela Hans Sched, Dietmar Schipek and Ursula Puerrer Scala (071-278 0051).

SIMPLE MEN (15): Two brothers säcker but less fetching their before. With Robert Burke, Wilham Sage Chelses (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Everymen (071-435

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THE WIRRAL: Taking place at verious venues across the Wirral over the next are weeks as the fourth International Gustar Featival offering concerts and rectals as well as master classes, workshops, lectures, films and exhibitions. The opening week brings the Sewille-based missions Juleo, presenting an evening of authentic lamenco and dance (tongift): a visit by he Los Angeles country incides Jeny Donatrue (tomorrow); a flemenco workshop by Juan Martin (Thurs), a European programme by Pobin Hill and BOLTON: The Octagon's silver anniversary production: Bill Naughton's Affie, with Gary Webster and Liz Smith and other actresses well known from Dorante (tectnown, a learning to workshop by Juan Martin (Thurs), a European programme by Robin HB and Peter Witschnisky (Fri), and a vest by New York blues specialist Woody Marin (workshop and performance: Sat) International Guitar Festival of HULL: The Half Literature Festival spans the next two weeks and begins tonight with readings by Nina Cassan, a leading literary figure in Romania tor

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© BADIO TIMES: Tony Scattery in a fun trip down Memory Lane, set in wartine Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers Queen's, Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (071-94-5040). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sal, Spm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sal, 4.30pm. 150mms.

IN THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE AT the Mass AND PALL OF THE VOMES Alson Steadman and Jane Horocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy gri escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible. Aldmych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404), Mon-Sal, Bpm, mai Sal, 4pm

 SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the nch New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence. Comedy, Pariton Street, SW1 (071-887 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed. 3pm. Sat. 4pm. 90mms SQUARE ROUNDS: Science, good

or evi? Tony Hamson looks at loui Jamous munition-makers. Largely or entri forly rearrest looks a root lannus mulison-makers. Largely female cast, good acting but off-puttingly earnest Nestional (Officier), South Bank, SE1 (071-926 2252), Tonght-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm, 165mms. ☐ THE TENDER HUSBAND: Hallway through its autumn tour the Magnificent Theatre Company arms in London with

Sir Richard Steale's sprightly comedy of martial confusions. Watermans Arts Centre, 40 Bremford High Street (181-598 1176). Tues-Sot, 8pm, mat Sat, 5pm.

over 40 years, the 1985 Whitbreed pros-winner Douglas Dunn and Czechostowakian poet Minoslav Holub (Spen), Friday brings two important iterany figures from ledard; Brendan Kennelly and Medith McGuckian (Spin); Thursday features four poets associated with the Hull poetry explosion. Peter Didsbury, Tony Phym. Douglas Houston, Sean O'Enion (Spin). Queen's Hotel, George Street (Doukings; 0482 226655, enquines 0482 23994, Until Nov 15.

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TELEVISION REVIEW: Lynne Truss predicts a sceptical response to a classic

Nostalgia comes in small measures

SIZE isn't everything, of course, but on the other hand, in an adaptation of The Borrowers, it is bound to count for rather a lot. If there is one thing learned by all Mary Norton's child readers, it is that attaining a full adult height of seven inches imposes certain limitations on one's lifestyle. In my own case, I emerged from the adventures of Pod. Hornily and Arrietty (plus the roguish Spiller, later on) convinced that "small is beautiful" was mere propaganda.

For a start, if you are seven inches tall you have to live an obscure, dark. mousy life, mostly underneath the floorboards. Your social life is nil. You cannot buy clothes off the peg (even Jigsaw stuff is too big). Also, you have an uneasy relationship with the world of household pets (they eat you). On the plus side, however, a single King Edward will last you a fortnight ("Yes. it's Spanish omelette again!"); and you can scrounge perpetually from the big world of rooms upstairs without any-one really noticing that stuff is being

No doubt the designers of the new BBC adaptation of The Borrowers (which began yesterday afternoon) gave lots of thought to the issue of scale. but despite the use of some nice seamless video technology (tiny figures against big domestic backgrounds, chair-legs, and so on), it was still hard to believe during yesterday's first episode that Pod (Ian Holm), Homily (Penelope Wilton) and Arrietty (Rebecca Callard) were really teensy-weensy types who lived in constant danger of being smoked out of their hole. The problem was one of aesthetics: they looked so robust and warmly colourful. indeed so middle-class, that I couldn't believe them to be plausibly frightened

Norton's original borrowers, with their strange not-quite-heard-properly The Borrowers BBC 1

names ("Uncle Hendreary": "Aunt Lupy") were a proper late-Victorian underclass poor, grey, fearful and ugly. These television borrowers are not. In the original illustrations, Homily had big boots and skinny legs; all her hair stood on end; she was a walking fright. She was etiolated from living in the dark. Penelope Wilton, on the other hand, looks preny and wellnourished in a floral print frock and nice earth-mother sandals. Her get-up is generally suggestive less of lifelong deprivation than of a commitment to green politics.

When Doctor Johnson said of Gullivers Travels that "once you have thought of big men and little men, it is very easy to do all the rest", he was, as usual, being controversial. In fact, as The Borrowers attests, the imaginative force of any tom-thumb story is endlessly fascinating to simple souls ("Oh look Cotton reels for stools!"). even when nothing much else is going on. It is a great idea to do The Borrowers as a teatime serial. My only fear for it is that while adults watch it rapt in nostalgia ("Oh! The green baize door!"), modern sceptical child viewers will raise niggling objections and spoil the fun.

"Ma," they will demand, "you do realise that all this is physiologically impossible? Hmm, I wonder, can the borrowers detect micro-organisms in the air, given that they are so small themselves? Could Arrietty really lift that potato? How do you think they supplement their Vitamin D?" And so on. "Shut up and follow the story," will be the correct reply to such tosh. And as a last resort "Don't be so smallminded" is a good answer, too.



Inch perfect: Ian Holm as a middle-class Pod in the new teatime serial

CLASSICAL CONCERTS: The anxiety of Shostakovich and Britten; the ebullience of the young Brahms

Shaken but still stirring

BBCSO/Lazarev Philharmonia/Sinopoli Festival Hall

IF SHOSTAKOVICH is the enigmatic symphonist par excellence, then his Fourth in C minor, given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev at the Festival Hall on Thursday night must take the prize for opacity. The reason is not hard to find. Shostakovich was writing the Fourth when Stalin turned opera critic in January 1936 and had Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk savaged in Pravda.

Shostakovich managed to complete the symphony in three substantial movements, but his confidence was badly shaken. The work was withdrawn from rehearsal by the composer and not heard for another 26 years. As Eric Roseberry reminded us in the programme, Shostakovich was dedicated to communist ideals: his dilemma was that the Stalinist perversion of those ideals was beginning to take its toll in the artistic sphere.

The Fourth Symphony is also struc-turally flawed, as Shostakovich recognised. Lazarev came impressively to grips with all these problems in a performance that sustained dramatic momentum even over the huge halfhour span of the first movement. It is perhaps impossible to maintain that momentum by normal symphonic criteria, but Lazarev's powerful welding of disparate elements - brazen

irony - forged an unusually convincing temperamental integrity.

After the very Mahlerian touches of the finale the perplexing final stages of the work seemed even more equivocal. Lazarev kept his nerve in a finely drawn, deceptively tranquil coda, as did his players, their lines stretching out to what seemed like eternity.

If the Britten Violin Concerto, heard before the interval, might also be regarded as a work characterised by anxious uncertainty - it dates from the composer's wartime uprooting to the United States - Ida Haendel brought a sense of yearning, a serenity, to the last movement that suggested rather the hope of the promised land.

Giuseppe Sinopoli's conducting of Mahler is often criticised for vulgarity and waywardness. If anything, his Mahler Fifth with the Philharmonia at the Festival Hall on Friday night seemed under-characterised. His choices of tempi were largely convincing and all the right gestures were made - animated stringwork, brass and woodwind bells raised aggressively high - yet without any real passion. As all the threads were fied together in the finale, we felt no great sense of release, of inevitability. The climatic

ish activity with the triumph of a battle won; not, as here, as though the volume control has been nudged. The bland accounts by Sinopoli and soprano Pelicty Lott of six Richard Strauss songs served only to demonstrate what is lost with these works in a large concert hall. Ravishing the orchestrations may be, but if the vocal nuances and shades of colour are sacrificed in the projection of tone, and

if the singer cannot convey the sense of

the words, then my vote would be for a

chorale should emerge from the fever-

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THIS series is one of those events for which anyone really interested in music, rather than the adulation of famous performers, ought to go down on bended knee and thank the South Bank's planners. The programmes of the five chamber concerts of the "Young Brahms" series, of which this was the third, open a window on an altogether different soul from the one which created the symphonies, the Requiem, the string quartets. He was, as Malcolm MacDonald's preamble said, a man with "an untamed youthful energy, a full-blown Romanticism, a zest for experiment". Concerns with unity of design and spirit had not yet overly saturated his art.

Such (comparative) lack of discipline betrays inexperience, some might say. But when you hear so much of this material together you begin to wonder about the fairness of the view that Brahms matured into a better composer, such is the freshness, vigour and intuition he reveals. Perhaps he just became a different composer. Even a work as expansive as the Second Piano Sonata, Op 2, obviously written (in 1852) under the influence of Liszt as well as Schumann, stormily and brilliantly sweeps our senses into charmed submission.

Peter Donohoe, playing as is now his wont from a score, attacked the work brusquely, making the higher register

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pretation seemed hastily conceived, and the fact that his technique was severely tested in parts of both outer movements led one to suspect hasty preparation. The Third and Fourth Ballades of Op 10 (1854) felt more secure, though the third, a scherzo, demands as much technically as the equivalent piece in the Sonata.

Woven between Donohoe's pyrotechnics was a selection of somes, given beautifully by Amanda Roccroft and sometimes with too much effort - by Adrian Thompson, with Roger Vignoles (artistic director of the series) a sensitive partner at the piano. These miniatures contained many lovely things, though failing short of Schubert's exquisiteness or Schumann's mellow expressivity.

Thompson was excellent in the hymn-like"Wie die Wolke". Op 6 No 5 (1853), and in the atmospheric Mörike setting "An eine Aolsharfe", the last of Op 19 (1858), which we heard in its entirety. The formidable Roocroft let voice (and, almost, body) dance with semi-coy suggestiveness in the "Spanisches Lied", Op 6 No 1 (1852). an approach countered by the passion of "Scheiden und Meiden", Op 19 No 2, the tragedy of "Trene Liebe" (Op 7
No 1, probably 1852/3), and the
thoughtful simplicity of Eichendorff's
"Angklänge", Op 7 No 3 (1853).
There was an outrageous bonus to

whet our appetites: three plano duets, given effervescently by Donohoe and lignoles, from Souvezir de la Russie. published as one G. W. Marks's Op 151 but in reality the work of the 17year-old Brahms, eager to earn a crust by skilfully embellishing Russian sources - including, like Tchaikovsky in his 1812 overture — the Russian National Anthem. Further concerts tonight and Friday.

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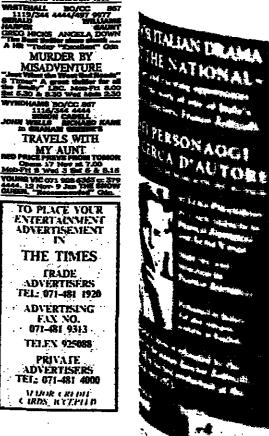
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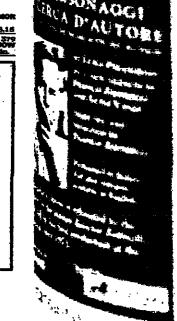
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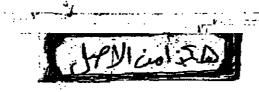
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THEATRE REVIEWS: A Handful of Stars at the Bush; 18th-century comedy; and a play commissioned by Oxfam

Three steps to a life of trouble

Benedict Nightingale hails a London showing of the plays in Billy Roche's magnificent Wexford Trilogy

ast week the setting was a pool hall, a murky lair with peciing walls and the Sacred Heart of Jesus incongruously perched over a Tomorrow and for the next four days it will be a betting shop, and all next week the sacristy of a church. Billy Roche's Wexford Trilogy is hardly offering the kind of tour of his native town that Americans come with video cameras and glossy guide-books to take. Rather, it traces a maggot's route into the very core of what is, it turns out, a

surprisingly rewarding place. Since they have never before been played in repertoire, it is not yet clear whether Roche's three exercises in miniaturism will cohere into a single mural. We must wait for the revival of his Poor Beast in the Rain and his Belfry, which the Bush presented in 1989 and 1991 respec-

tively, before finally judging the overall quality, shape and tenor of his portrait of Wexford. But there is enough in A Handful of Stars, which launched both the trilogy and his career back in 1988, to show why Roche is regarded as the most striking dramatist Ireland has produced since Brian Friel.

At the centre is the subject several English-speaking dra-matists have treated in recent vears: the transformation of a learaway into permanent prison fodder. Jimmy Brady (Gary Lydon) is already categorised by much of Wexford as a bad hat when we meet him, ineptly playing pool with his chum Tony (Aidan Gillen), and soon he has guaranteed that no respectable head would dream of wearing him. He drinks, fights, steals, and upsets his nice girlfriend (Dervia Kirwan). Finally, he runs amok with a shotgun, his face with a stocking through which, sadly, all Wexford can spy the Brady checkImagine the solemn denun-ciations of "society" that would be built into some British playwrights' treatment of so extreme an instance of whenation. But Roche wants life, not moral opinion, to write his plays. "Whose fault is it?" asks Jimmy as he glumly waits for the police to come and get him, "tell me who's to blame." And the answer is to be found everywhere and nowhere.

In his deft way. Roche gives Jimmy a difficult background. There was a put-upon mother and a violent father who is now drooling away his days in a hostel for the homeless. Yet it

'Roche wants life, not moral opinion, to write his plays'

was Jimmy's brother, by all accounts an impressive young fellow, who eventually threw the old man out of the house. There are others in the play, too, who have contrived to come from bad or broken homes without becoming criminals. Maybe Jimmy was born wild, as Wexford thinks.

Or maybe he is taking scattershot revenge for wrongs done and love denied him. It is one of those cases where psychiatrists may argue with sociologists, and criminologists take issue with oldfashioned coppers, and nobody will come up with a complete explanation.

Whatever the responsibility, Wexford itself is surely implicated. As the plays he wrote after this also suggest, Roche's feelings about his home town are pretty ambiguous. Though the old ways are dying and the old ties fragmenting, it is still a community of sorts, and in some ways an oppressive one. A Handful of Stars is not the kind of piece that deals in villains, but its most

unappealing character is certainly Conway (Des McAleer), who recurrently emerges from the pool half's members-only room with macho advice or supercitious put-downs. The instinctively conformist Tony hero-worships him and inches one day to follow him into his inner sanctum. Jimmy thinks Conway a "creep", and with some reason, since it is under Conway's nudging yet self-righteous influence that Tony has got his girlfriend pregnant and now feels impelled to marry her.

There are not many plays which leave us able to discuss and disagree about the characters as if they were unpindownable people; but in its unpre-tentious way this may be counted among them. Even minor figures - a policeman, an antique caretaker - have their own points of view and stories to tell. Roche seems

to have been born with Chekhovian gifts. He can see people from the outside, feel them within, and, while respecting their individuality, suggest that they have a significance beyond themselves. The concerns of the play and those that follow it include the craving for roots and the tendency of roots to destroy the spirit, the emotional power of parents and the past, the struggle to become a selfsufficient person: subjects for

I hope to say more about Robin Lefevre's excellent company as the season progresses. Now, it seems enough to ask if they couldn't tone down the Wexford brogue, which can bounce in and out of English ears without leaving all its sense behind. Also, could not Lydon inject-more danger into the role of Jimmy himself? To me, he verged on the bland. Yet my companion, who works part-time in a London prison, found his moody, selfabsorbed manner absolutely familiar. And this is not a trilogy apt to get things wrong.



Table talk: Gary Lydon and Liam Cunningham in A Handful of Stars, the first of the "three exercises in miniaturism" which make up Billy Roche's Wexford Trilogy, now being staged at the Bush in London

Cities built on poverty

Women in the Dust Riverside Studios

THE workers shovel wet ce ment on to trays, pass them along, balance the loads on their heads up a flight of steps. A familiar enough spectacle on a building site; except that these labourers are women, their equality the ironic prize endowed by that great leveller.

Sue Mayes's design gives us an on-site concrete skeleton flanked by the brick huts, no more than glorified dog ken-nels, where the migrant workers live. This is India, and the company Tamasha, with the Bristol Old Vic, sheds light on the phenomenon of villagers drawn to the city by minimum wages in time of drought but longing to go back to their

The fiftieth anniversary of Oxfam is a sombre occasion to celebrate. The author, Ruth Carter, might have been tempted to give us straight documentary, but presents a varied gallery of characters against the background of jobbery and inefficiency at every level. And as the fascinating programme note observes, the Indian government is often among the worst

Despite its Oxfam commission, the play can mock those do-gooders whose attempts to bring work show little sense of relevance. The heart of the drama, however, lies with the workforce: from the older woman (Jamila Massey) steeped in the village tradition to the child bride unsure of her age Birth copulation and death recur in these urban carrips, with their attendant pains and pleasures. Kristine Landon-Smith directs at a pace with perhaps too much of the inexorable, stoic resignation of the sub-continent; but there are fine performances from Shiv Grewal (a welcome touch of humour) and Sudha Bhuchar and Nina Wadia. who double as both labourers and very different socially

MARTIN HOYLE

Marital drowse

"HELL," said the Duchess and spat into the fire. This first line for a novel was once force the browser to go on reading A similar frisson must have stirred the Drury Lane audience in 1705 at the opening words of this comedy by Richard Steele, when one man enquires of another: Well, Mr Fainlove, how do you go along with your affair

with my wife?" This is not however, a play in the Restoration mode showing rakes tumbling wives with the connivance of their spouses. The age of the sentimental comedy was close at hand. Clerimont Senior, the speaker, is a tender husband and Mr Fainlove turns out to be a woman in disguise. employed to encourage his

wife to make a fool of herself. All goes according to plan; silly Mrs Clerimont is caught kissing her beardless wonder. swoons and awakes with a change of heart. She accompanies Clerimont into the country to live happily ever after. The characters talk and talk. and very little of it proves

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fine Anna Farnworth), a "Quixote in petticoats". Better still is the gaiumphing West-Countryman Humphrey Gubbin, the inspiration for Goldsmith's Tony Lumpkin. The play's energy leaps upward when Ben Crocker (also a co-director with Lucie Fitchen) bounds on, though the wittier lines come mostly

lawyer, Pounce. Elegantly designed and cos-turned by Kit Line and Nigel Winborne, this fouring pro-duction by the Magnificent Theatre Company is courageous, but does show why the play has not been professionally staged since 1808.

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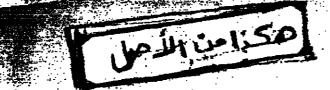
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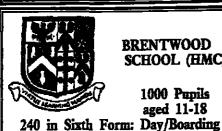
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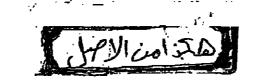
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Early to learn, early to shine

The benefits of good pre-school education are beyond doubt.

Kathy Sylva and Peter Moss say the time for action is here

tend for less than 10 hours a week. Most children in nursery education (88 per cent in 1991 in England) attend on a parttime basis of five half-day sessions a week Most playgroups and child-minders (which between them, provide more than half of all places) are under-resourced; this is reflected in poor pay and conditions and low levels of training for most workers in these services. The provision made for four-year-olds in reception classes is often inappropriate. : ::

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Early childhood services may be diverse, but this does not mean that all parents have a wide choice. Mainly because financial constraints on local authorities, most places are private and depend entirely on parents' ability to pay. The proportion of places dependent on parental fees, as opposed to public funding, rose from 56 per cent in 1980 to 60 per cent in 1991; including private schools, unregistered child-minders and nannies would increase the private market share.

The most rigorous study of the long-term costs and benefits of nursery school has been carried out in the US.

Berrueta-Clement and overall review his colleagues of these

programme intended to give children a firm foundation for starting school. The design of the study was simple: half the children were randomly assigned to the programme and them to do well half stayed at home, which them to do well they were destined to do A LIK study focusing on the anyway since there was no effects it carry education was anyway since there was no effects it carry education was no effects in carry education was not called the study of the same and the s

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Progress of the two groups of children was followed carefully from the moment they began the special nursery school until the age of 19, when many had jobs and families of their own. The results showed that the children who attended the marsery

ost children school were doing better all through the school years than their peers who had not at-tended the pre-school

> came from the two groups of children when they were young adults. The group who had attended nursery school were functioning well in society: they were more likely to have jobs, to have completed school or training, and less likely to be sent to "special education classes. The children who did not attend the preschool programme were more often detained or arrested by the police and scored lower on tests of "everyday problem-solving". The girls had more

his colleagues carried out a cost-benefit analysis on the intervention programme. Fust they calculated the cost of operating the programme. then they estimated the price to the government of children not attending the programme: the cost of criminal proceedings, special education, social security benefit to single parents and so on. In the end, they concluded that for every \$1,000 invested in the children who attended the pre-

There has for inflation) never been an ings on educational or social problems later The researchers claim services

orientated nursery education the nursery to enter formal school. The children who experienced the pre-school programme based on active school. Both their teachers and

> their first year at primary school. Half were "graduates" of well resourced local authority nursery education, while the other half (matched on age, see and social background) had attended playgroups, poorly resourced and

programme.
The most compelling results teenage pregnancies.

Mr Berrueta-Clement and

school programme, \$4,130

managed by parents working on shoestring budgets. There were many differences between the two groups of child-ren as they settled into school. The nursery education "graduates" were more persevering when they encountered obstades in their work and more learning orientated when they approached the teacher. They spent more time in "academic" tasks, demonstrating higher motivation for school.

Well resourced nursery education, staffed by fully qualified teachers, fostered autonomy, perseverence and academic motivation in ways that playgroups operating on limited budget could not.

A recent study of a large sample of children in a northem metropolitan area showed that children who had had nursery education scored righer in national curriculum tests in year two than their peers without nursery experience, especially in maths.

The benefits of high-quality early childhood care and education are particularly clear for backgrounds and for children



over three, although some evidence points to benefits for children younger than three and from a wider range of social backgrounds.

These services are important for other reasons. They can provide a range of functions care, socialisation, support, economic — for a range of different groups — children, parents, families, local communities, employers. Children and parents have many educational and social needs which services can help to meet; but to do this, services need to be "multi-functional".

Early childhood care and

education services in the UK are inadequate in many ways. They are unevenly distributed and receive limited public funding. There is also compartmentalised thinking about services the need for childcare for working parents" is often discussed in isolation from services for children with non-employed parents; the Children Act concentrates public responsibility for provision on a minority of children "in need" (defined in terms of disability or problems of health or development):

"pre-school education" is often equated with "nursery education" for three and four-yearolds. Despite their importance, and their mani-

fest inadequacies, there has never been an overall review of early childhood care and education services in the UK, nor a comprehensive and coherent national policy. Such a review should be

accompanied by two other enquiries. The first would look at policies to reconcile employment, caring for children and gender equality. The second would look at the costs of childrearing and the allocation of these costs; it would include the funding of services and the

question of costs and benefits. These three linked reviews would provide the basis for framing a national policy on early childhood care and education. Then action is required. The UK needs a comprehensive and coherent system of high quality and affordable early childhood services. Investment in such a system would pay for itself. Everyone gains; nobody loses.

 The authors work for the In stitute of Education, London University. This is an edited ver sion of the sixth briefing by the National Commission on Edu-

Having rote, move on

The curious thing about note learning is that nobody knows what it is. Everyone knows it to be a bad thing; that it used to go on in the 1930s before we became enlightened; that with chalk and state it was to be found in board schools: and of course that it is mindless and mechanical. But nobody

knows what it means. There is a useful Encyclopaedia of Psychology edited by Professor Eysenck and others: but it has no entry for rote. In the Oxford English Dictionary there is a scholarly vacuum enlivened with

mysteries: nobody knows the etymology of rote. In the compilations

cognitive science which address memory there is no reference to rote learning. Is it then a word? Or just a brick - a term of abuse? I have a

Would one, to begin with, think of a Sibelius symphony as being learnt by rote? Surely not. This gives a clue to our understanding of rote memory: it is essentially verbal. But Muslim children in their *madrasehs* learn the Koran in classical Arabic, a language they may not know.

So learning by rote, though a form of language learning, may be of meaningless or unfamiliar material. Try memorising the Japanese word for death from overwork: *karoshi*. Even some degree of familiarity with the phonology (the sound forms) of Japanese will not make this an easy word to recall in a day

Verbal memory has been particularly carefully studied by experimental psychologists. It appears that this is an innate capacity that develops with use. Of particular interest is the interaction between learning to read and the development of verbal memory. As

does memory capacity. Poor skills in this area are associated with learning difficulties such as dyslexia.

So it is all the more

unfortunate that rote learning, indeed all "memorisation", has fallen under a cloud. Such is the march of progress that not only are written arithmetic skills. which draw heavily on memory, downgraded but "mental arithmetic" especially is scomed as oldfashioned. And the phonic teaching of reading, which articulates precisely the phonological skills at the root of decoding, has been under

attack for de-cades. Child-VIEWPOINT ren today show no less-

> ening of inter-Turner est in nursery to school. Ditties such as, Ooh, aah, I lost my bra! I

left it in my boyfriend's car!" circulate among girls at posh private and state infant schools alike, though mostly before the age of comprehension. But if children's natural interest in the poetic roots of print is no longer encouraged, their connection with the other world of books, and the life of what T.S. Eliot called the "auditory imagination",

And the etymology? Perhaps we need look no further than the Bedfordshire preacher whose predicament formed such a bond of fellowship with Terry Waite. In the second part of The Pilgrim's Progress, before setting forth after her husband towards the Celestial City, Christiana is advised to read a letter "to thyself and to thy children, until you have got it by root-of-heart". Shortened to rote, this reveals the

secret: a turning of words so deeply internalised that they have become a comforting ● The author is head psychology at the Dyslexia Institute. His collection of poems, Trespasses, is published by

Carrying the torch for crafts and trades

airdressers are meant to make waves but not the kind that annoy the establishment. In this and other respects, Gra-ham Webb, chairman of Gra-ham Webb International, upsets many of the stereotypes that bedevil his much-mocked trade: he laughs at its "Sharon and Tracey" image. Now this highly successful businessman, founder of a chain of salons and his own brandname line of products, is starting a lone campaign to raise the status of vocational training in a country where academic qualifications con-

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Talking at the Institute of Directors in London, of which he is a fellow, Mr Webb argues that the drive to coax a third of all school-leavers into higher education will discourage teenagers from considering a non-academic route. "It's become a bit of a mission for me. I'd like the government, the big employers organisations and journalists to see more of the potential there is in the craft and trade fields — things like landscape gardening. building and hairdressing.

The first step has been to breathe life into the Young Enterprise scheme in Kent, his home county. Last year only six employers attended its awards ceremony. This year, with Mr Webb's chivrying, 140 turned out. "When I told the schools to bring their goods to sell, they were amazed, he reflects.

He is also using his position on the small firms council of the Confederation of British industry to press home the point that National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) are as important to the nation's prosperity as GCSEs and A levels: that raw enterprise should be valued as much as pure intellect. (Needless to say, he was not impressed when a senior CBI official warned in an interview that Britain risked becoming "a nation of hairOnce there were apprentices. Now there are undergraduates.

Matthew d'Ancona meets the learn-it-at-work champion



Graham Webb: raising the status of vocational training

dressers".) At school he says, pupils are made to feel that such occupations are the resort of the drop-out.

Earlier this century, if you were an apprentice you were regarded as a good chap. But you're not now. There's been a drive towards the professions.". While respecting academic ex-cellence, he thinks schools and the framers of the national curriculum should admit that there is another way. "There is a big pain barrier between leaving school and joining the CBI. There's so much pressure

from parents and teachers."

loose-knit pressure group of trade groups fighting for pari-ty in a system which currently prizes the university degree above all else. "Somehow or other the curriculum has got to reflect the end-user goal; and at the moment that end-user goal isn't anything other than university. The GCSE, for example, should have a module relating to devising a

accounts." In France, Germany and Italy, he points out, the educational worth of the trades is reflected in the keeping of craft registers to which tradesmen The end result of his little crusade of letter-writing and are properly accredited. Why lobbying, he thinks, could be a not here?

business plan or doing

Culturally, Mr Webb's an-ger speaks volumes about the failure of communication between business and education in the era of enterprise. By any standards, he is a Thatcherite hero, a son of the 1960s who played in a band, started his own business and hit the big time in the 1980s. From one shop in Lee Green, south London, his empire has ex-panded to the United States, where he now has a hairdressing school.

He took his business on a tour of Russia two years ago. His contacts in the White House were good enough to get his 15-year-old son a place on the Bush campaign trail last week. Armed with his portfolio and a genial manner, Mr Webb is upward mobility

et he fears that the Thatcher years failed to deliver the cultural revolution which it promised and bequeathed a basically oldfashioned educational philosophy. "I was disappointed by the 1980s. Even in that decade, if your son came home and said he was going to be a plumber or a hairdresser or a chef, most fathers wouldn't have celebrated. But things change when that plumber moves behind a desk and starts his own business."

He faces an uphill struggle. This month's examination league tables, for example, will exclude training qualifica-tions, an omission which has prompted complaints from secondary heads. The Technical and Vocational Education Initiative in schools has been a success but there is concern that the money is about to dry up. There is little private sector

cash for new schemes. But his efforts will surely galvanise those in other trades who seek equal recognition. "I'm not dismissing the traditional approach," he says. "All I'm saying is there is another

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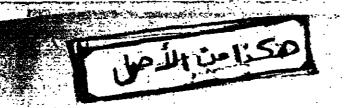
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Ten-year agenda for British industry set out as employers meet in Harrogate

CBI prescribes a growth plan to cure economic ills

By Ross Tieman

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday spelt out its blueprint for the measures it believes must be taken to revitalise British manufacturing. Setting out a ten-year agenda to cure Britain's economic ills, the employers' organisation set targets for increased productivity, investment and export growth.

Productivity must increase more than 5 per cent a year, a rate comparable with the best annual growth achieved during the 1980s, the CBI said. Investment in plant and machinery must double to

£4,000 a year per employee by the end of the decade. Spending on training, innovation and marketing must also rise if British companies are to outpace competition

from overseas. In addition, Britain must lift its share of world export markets 1 per cent, to 5.6 per

That would add £10 billion a year to Britain's export total. a sum sufficient to correct the deepening deficit of trade in

manufactured goods.

Mark Radcliffe, deputy director general of the CBL and overseer of the report. Making it in Britain, said the aim was to "narrow if not eliminate" Britain's "performance gap"

by the year 2000. The report dissected the performance of the main sec-

■ The Confederation's agenda sets out targets for key sectors on productivity, investment, training and exports, to raise industry's performance by the year 2000

motor industry. Each must build on its strength and address its weaknesses, the

The CBI's National Manufacturing Council, which compiled the 64-page report, said that the internationalisation of companies would be a key influence on business in the 1990s.

Companies would focus on what they do best and exploit that expertise all around the world, the report said. As a result. British business should expect both to export more and to increase its manufac-

At the same time, investment into Britian should

Companies must also take the initiative in spreading good practice from large manufacturers to small, and to their suppliers.

The government must do more to achieve "certainty and clarity" in economic and fi-

Politicians must provide more commitment to investment in infrastucture, training

They should also provide enhanced tax allowances, in line with principal competitor troduction of new technology. energy saving, and pollution These would help business cut costs, and exploit growth

markets of the future. Government must also work towards a long-term reduction in the UK's corporate tax The financial community is

also taken to task for past failings and asked to respond to the new needs of the 1990s. Banks, the report said, should take advantage of the increasing propensity of Brit-ons to save, redirecting cash to The banks should cut lend-

ing margins to companies that can demonstrate they have a thorough training strategy, recognising that such companies have a more robust

Institutional investors must review their dividend expectations. Payouts have run ahead of profit growth during the

Now, the CBI said, it is time for companies to rebuild their balance sheets, and the financial community must play its part by ensuring companies have sufficient financial resources to meet the challenges



Meeting challenge of world-class manufacturing source of competitive advantage and

global perspective, with only I per

cent of world population and 4 per cent of GDP, means big companies

now have to regard themselves as

global organisations operating in

the UK rather than UK organ-

isations with some operations over-

seas. Even the medium and smaller

sized companies, which are predomi-

nantly domestically focused, will be

A SUCCESSFUL internationally competitive manufacturing base is the key to our future standard of living and quality of life. While there are some signs of a growing recognition of the significance of a strong manufacturing sector to the overall UK economy, it is still inadequately appreciated and some of the misconceived views of the 1980s have not been fully corrected by our leaders and opinion formers. The UK has a growing, but as yet insufficient. number of world class manufacturers to provide the critical mass necessary for a successful manufacturing-based economy. The challenge is to ensure UK manufacturing

order to meet the challenge, focusing on the key strengths UK manufacturing, that the National Manufacturing Council was set up this year in response

and weaknesses of to the CBI report Competing with the

World's Best. UK manufacturing industry made considerable strides in the 1980s. improving productivity and profit-ability, output and share of world exports and maintaining a strong commitment to training and R&D expenditure. But the UK was starting from a relatively low base, and despite the improvements, a significant performance gap of between 20 and 40 per cent still exists on a range of criteria with our principal competitors. This is made all the worse by the prolonged recession, not to mention the uncertainty created by the turbulence in European financial markets and the management of UK economic policy witnessed throughout the autumn of 1992. This puts at risk some of the earlier achievements and threatens a further ero-

sion of our manufacturing base. The NMC has therefore set a number of specific macro-targets which will need to be achieved to at The Confederation's strategy for industrial recovery is outlined in the document. 'Making it in Britain'. Here, we summarise its analysis and recommendations

least narrow, if not eliminate, this performance gap by the year 2000: per cent a year through the rest of the decade, a higher rate than achieved in the 1980s.

☐ Doubling of investment per employee in plant and machinery and further real increases in investment in skills, innovation and marketing. ☐ The achievement of an extra 1 per cent of world trade, worth £10 billion a year to exports and a drive towards enters the 21st century able to com- import substitution. For many compete with the world's best. It was in panies, faced with little sign of

> 1993 at the earliest, 'Achieving world class standards lenging targets. But our competitors are is primarily the not standing still. We cannot afford to responsibility of achieve less. The achievement of the manufacturers' world class stan-

dards is primarily

to, and investing in, manufacturing. In the immediate future, much of manufacturing industry is preoccupied with the short term pressures of recession. But in the longer term, there are a number of more fundamental influences that will impact upon the environment in which UK manufacturing has to operate and which will determine policy responses from government, industry and the financial community.

the responsibility of manufacturers themselves. But other parties too, have obligations. The government, accounting for more than 40 per cent of GDP, is responsible for shaping competitive environment through its economic, education, and training policies, international trading relationships and infrastructure. Financial institutions, as owners and providers, must take a long term view of the benefits of lending

emergence from re-

influenced by global developments through interlinkages in the customer/supplier chain. The UK is not international competitive position. The EC as a whole has increasingly become a relatively high cost/low productivity area and as a result, its share of OECD trade with non-EC countries has fallen from 25 per cent to 21 per cent over the last 10 years. The dollar areas represent the largest market and the most significant competitive challenge in the 1990s.

Companies need to respond by improving their own performance, but so does government in terms of creating the conditions for sustainable growth, namely low inflation, low interest rates and stable exchange rates. It also requires a commitment, comparable to our main competitors, from all state departments, particularly the DTI, to provide leadership in international trade, the encouragement of inward investment and a level playing field internationally in terms of legislation, regulation and support

Those nations and companies that can demonstrate the requisite leadership, vision and strategy, as well as enhancing the quality and quantity of workforce skills, are those that will succeed in the 1990s.

In the UK, progress has been made through reforms in the education system, as well as the establishment of national targets, raising the the financial community, commitment to the training and the small size of the UK from a development of young people and

market for environmental products and processes, but the UK is not matching its competitors in seizing adults. But considerable ground has still to be made up with our main the enormous opportunities. competitors. Companies have a key NMC has established a work prorole to play through adopting the Investors in People standard as well gramme under four broad headings as in delivering change at the local Spreading world best management level through Tecs and Lecs. Manupractice: Building a partnership facturing still suffers from images with government; Improving relaand perceptions rooted in the past tionships between manufacturing and until it can show that industry industry and the financial commun-

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ticated market place is placing greater demands on companies to provide customised solutions. Faster delivery and assured quality will be minimum entry requirements. Innovation

will give the competitive edge, but cultural changes will be required. Companies must also maximise the use of new technology, particularly information technology, driving new product development and continually reducing time to market. Concentration and restructuring of the supply base is inevitable, with customers looking to work more closely with fewer suppliers. Additionally, large numbers of personnel over a

decade need to transfer from declining to evolving industries. With customers demanding higher environmental standards, government is under increasing pressure to protect the environment through new legislative and regulatory initia-tives. It is vital, therefore, that rigorous criteria are applied to the objectives of proposed methods or solutions. Otherwise industrial competitiveness will be undermined.

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creating sector of the economy. However, it has yet to show that it can succeed in changing some of the entrenched attitudes inside and outside government on the importance of achieving a position for manufacturing industry which compares favourably with the best international standards. The development of a strong

there is extensive scope for voluntary

action. There is also a substantial

In addressing these challenges the

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manufacturing industry is vital for the nation. We have a sound base on which to build and some excellent examples of world class companies. But the scale of the challenge and the size of the performance improvement required to achieve international competitiveness should not be under-estimated. It will require a genuine partnership between industry, government and the financial community, with appropriate action by all leaders and opinion formers. The prize is our future wellbeing and the maintenance and enhancement of our standard of living

Establishing key priorities is vital to nation's future

The CBI outlines its proposals for action to ensure that

British industry can sustain success in worldwide markets

INDUSTRY has to achieve a substantial improvement in performance over several years to compete internationally on a sustainable basis. Key priorities for individual

companies are: To establish a clear sense of strategic direction which is communicated and understood throughout the business; ☐ To recognise the increasing internationalisation of business, exploiting new markets more rapidly. Think globally.

act locally; To identify critical factors for success within the business with the ultimate objective of benchmarking against the world's best, e.g. time to market, stock turn:

☐ To develop greater custom-☐ To recognise that innovation in its widest sense will differentiate between those

who succeed and those who do ☐ To recognise that people are the crucial factor in a

business: ☐ To work more closely with the education community and academia, reinforcing indus-

try/education inks communicating the exrewards of a career in manappropriate policies our brightest and most am-

bitious young

people; □ To encourage closer partnerships between customers and suppliers

rather than the traditional ☐ To recognise that improved environmental performance es a competitive edge:

To communicate company strategies more effectively to the financial community.

Key priorities for government

Culture: Recognising that a strong manufacturing industry is an essential element of a successful nation and that all government departments must respond with the appropriate policies, adequacy of resources and commitment to

make this happen. Economic management: Creating the conditions for sustainable growth characterised by low inflation, low interest rates and stable exchange rates, while avoiding the volatility of the past;

☐ Long-term target of reducing corporate tax 'take' in line



Sir Michael Angus, president of the CBI

with the OECD average.

□ Encouragement for investment through enhanced tax principal competitors:

| Maintenance of a tough line on public revenue

Ensuring the UK is not placed at a competitive disadvantage because of more favourable support for manufacturing industry in principal competitor countries:

☐ Ensuring equal implementation and enforcement of existing EC legislation: ☐ Ensuring a genuine EC single market:

Influencing international

trading agreements:

☐ Providing political leadership to help secure major export contracts and focus on enhancing successful sectors; Continuing to encourage internationally mobile investment projects into the UK;

Providing greater strategic direction to scientific and tech-

nological research: Education and training: The achievement of a world-class education system, focusing more on competence and not ust knowledge and skills:

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dustrial sectors and their national and international

☐ Providing easy and direct access for industry to ensure effective consultation and communication.

The most successful industrial nations are characterised by a healthy relationship between industry and the financial community to the benefit of both industry and investors. Key priorities for the finan-

☐ To develop more effective partnerships, recognising mutuality of interests, between investors and industry supported by clear communica-

☐ To take a more strategic view on criteria for long-term lending, recognising that manufacturing has shown

higher rates of return between 1985-90 than non-manufac-☐ To develop more responsive financial packages for small

and medium companies: ☐ To ease the pressure on manufacturing companies to pay out excessive dividends. which currently threatens the long-term viability of many companies.

Most of the issues being

addressed by the National Manufacturing Council represent deep-rooted challenges. They are vital to the future well-being of the nation, but results cannot be achieved overnight. It requires concerted action by industry, government and the financial community working in genu-ine partnership. The prize is our future well-being and standard of living. The objective is to make Britain the world's best.

Wimpey seeks housing boost

By MATTHEW BOND

SIR Clifford Chetwood, chairman of George Wimpey, has again claimed that the recession in the construction industry could last until 1995. Speaking at a lunch hosted

by Nabarro Nathanson, the law firm. Sir Clifford said the building industry was being devastated by recession: "Every four months we lose as many jobs in the construction industry as the 30,000 likely to go from coal mining through pit closures. Our industry accounts for 35 per cent of all job losses in the recession so far."
"Across all areas of construc-

tion, things will get worse before they get better — with falls in output continuing through 1993 before gradually slowing in 1994." Sir Clifford, who first called on the government to inter-

vene to end the slump in

September when Wimpey re-

ported a first-half loss of £7.2

nullion, said he was encour-

aged by the news that the

government was committed to capital projects, despite the squeeze on public spending. He looked forward, he said, to the Chancellor's autumn statement. "The one light in the darkness is the government's stated intention to maintain its



Sir Clifford: no end yet

spend on capital projects. is of vital importance to us. We need the capital project spend to be maintained, if not

Sir Clifford believes that "in the next few years the number of major UK contracting com-panies will be reduced to about five and the remainder will be either owned by foreign investors, or will be an amalgamation of the existing ma-

Sir Clifford called for additional encouragement to be given to private housing. "A special stimulus is needed for private housing. I would pro-pose increasing the mortgage ax relief ceiling fron £30,000 to £60,000 for first time buyers only and for a period of three vears. Without this level of overnment support, the outlook for our industry is extremely bleak and the forecasts for unemployment are cat-

Food prices likely to rise 14%

FOOD and drink prices are set to rise after the fall in the value of the pound, the Food and Drink Federation has forecast. By the new year, shoppers will be paying up to 14 per cent more for popular foods as the European single market begins.

A spokesman for the federa-tion said: "We had hoped that the price increases could be phased in after January 1, to ease the burden of this inflationary pressure. Unfortunately, it now appears that farm prices will be adjusted overnight when the single market comes into being." He added that, at current exchange rates, there would be a one-off increase of 14 per cent which would have an effect on high street prices.

The federation calculated

that if this took place the price

of 250 grams of butter, for

example, could rise 10p.

battered retailers By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR FOR battered retailers, caught in the worst recession high

street businesses can remember, the worst may still be to come, stemming as much from changing demographic trends as from a slow climb out of economic slump. This is the conclusion of a

report into the industry's pros-pects for the 1990s from Staniland Hall Associates, a business forecast service, in conjunction with the Oxford Institute of Retail Management at Templeton College. By 1996, the real challenge for the high street will be what the report calls "the forces of agglomeration", a combination of factors that will limit the peformance of a retail industry that will, by then, barely have emerged from the downturn. They include market saturation in some areas, further inroads into the British

market by foreign competi-

tion, price wars, falling target markets, especially young,

Worse to come for

high-spending consumers who will reduce in numbers as the population ages, and diffi-culty in finding staff. All these factors will impact at the same time, Staniland Hall says, and could even coincide with a further fall in consumer

spending.
The report forecasts a rise in total retail sales volume of less than 3 per cent a year between now and 1996 as the industry crawls out of recession, against 4.7 per cent a year achieved from 1984 to 1989. Among the trends in specialised sectors, the ageing

on middle-aged and elderly customers. Staniland Hall Associates, PO Box 643, Alderbury House, Upton Park, Slough, SLI 2UJ.

of the population will require

retailers to concentrate more

Directors' confidence lowest since Gulf war

BY OUR CITY STAFF

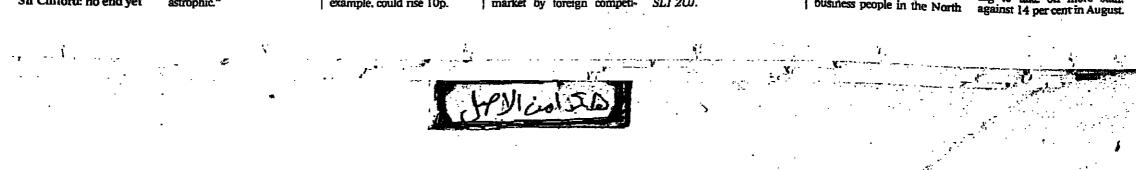
now feel more optimistic about the economy, according to the latest opinion survey by the Institute of Directors. Peter Morgan, the IoD's director general, said: "Confi-dence among business leaders about the UK economy has now fallen to its lowest ebb since the Gulf war". On the IoD's measure, confidence has crumbled since June, when half the respondents said they were "more optimistic".

Business people in the South were the most pessimistic. There, increased confi-dence had dropped from 15 per cent to 7 per cent, while those said to be "less optimistic" had risen from 57 per cent in August to 71 per cent. But in the North and Midlands. confidence was growing. The number of "more optimistic" business people in the North

ONLY 10 per cent of directors had risen from 2 per cent two months ago to 14 per cent and in the Midlands from 14 per cent to 22 per cent.

Despite the general gloom. directors were beginning to grow more positive about their own companies, with 37 per cent more hopeful about their firm's prospects compared with 33 per cent in August. Nevertheless, company sta-

tistics were said to be generally deteriorating. Volume was down and profits were slowly dwindling at a similar rate to orders. There had also been a significant rise in the propor-tion of directors expecting to cut staff in the next six months. A total of 23 per cent were expecting to shed labour, com-pared with 18 per cent in August. Only in manufacturing was there any cheer, with 22 per cent of directors expecting to take on more staff.



COMMENT

Agendas for the past and future

B ashing the unions used to be a sure-fire political winner. It was also good for the country when the TUC barons were overmighty subjects, clogging up economic progress and preventing flexible competitive production. Those times are past, partly as a result of previous reforms, though also because of changing industrial structures and two deep recessions. Unions are so weakened, at least in the private sector, that the TUC now attracts the public's sympathy for the underdog, and a visit from Howard Davies of the CBL

The proposed Trade Union Reform and Employee Rights Bill stems from a white paper drawn up before the election, just in case an appeal to old battles might be politically useful. It received such a negative reception from business that any such idea was dropped. The bill lived on. It contains good things but also three key controversial elements: undermining the TUC's Bridlington agreement against poaching of members, making it harder for unions to presume on the automatic deductions from pay packets, and abolishing statutory wages councils. The first two will annoy the unions but achieve little else the Bridlington rules have lost their force in practice. Unions have had to accept new arrangements, such as single union agreements, which employers concerned fear could be undermined by legislation. This might be one of the messages the CBI sends to the government. Wages councils are a standing reminder of union weakness, even in the days when they aspired to run the country. Minimum pay rates set by committee offend the notion of free markets and must, at least in theory, reduce job opportunities. That is why previous employment secretaries picked off councils that no longer had much role to play.

CBI leaders, few of whom are affected by statutory minimum wages, may feel that, at this moment, abolishing all the remaining councils at one stroke might give the wrong impression. They only affect jobs where wages are low, overwhelmingly jobs filled by women. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, argues that most of them provide a family's second wage, which seems odd in a labour market where women play a greater role than in any other EC country, save Denmark. Fixing terms of employment on the assumption that wives depend on husbands has, for better or worse, been discarded.

rade unions will mount a campaign against the bill, arguing that it discriminates against women. That is clearly not its intended drift. For instance, it also enacts an EC requirement for minimum paid maternity leave. There is, however, a tension between these two measures. The government wants to abolish wages councils because they hinder small business, yet is obliged to enact an ECinspired measure that would impose a new burden.

This reflects a basic difference between the British open market view and Brussels corporatism, which espouses labour laws and high social security taxes that ultimately require trade protection. There is, however, a difference between burdening main-stream labour costs and providing minimum standards at the bottom. The highest council minimum hourly wage for this year was £3.05, well below Labour's proposed £3.40 national minimum and less than most people covered are actually paid. Fewer than one in ten of them works in an industry competing directly with imports.

The economy would scarcely benefit in the long run from creating jobs below this level. That was, after all, the weakness in America's mid-eighties job boom. Indeed, this seems an odd agenda when the CBI will argue this week for a national effort to upgrade the economy's skills and productivity. It has much to teach the government.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Clinton team in need of long-term strategy to break fiscal gridlock

David Hale believes

the new president

needs to make clear

his policies on

spending and taxation

if he is to succeed

n the early 1950s. Chartie Wilson, the chairman of General Motors, told a congressional committee that what was good for GM was also good for America. Since GM had been the country's largest corporate employer for decades, most Americans probably agreed. It is not merely an ironic footnote to history that last week, the day after GM's board announced the most far-reaching upheaval in management since its creation, the American electorate also cast 62 per cent of its votes against the President of the United States. Just as GM's outside directors felt that the company needed a generational transformation, so the American electorate expressed a protound desire for change by electing the first president born after the Second World War, on a platform addressing domestic social issues made more urgent by the end of the cold war.

The unique feature of George Bush's presidential failure was not the depth of the recession but the weakness of the recovery that followed. Since the second quarter of 1991, the economy has experienced output growth of only about 1.8 per cent compared with growth rates of 5-6 per cent in earlier post-war recovery

Several factors contributed. The US is in the midst of large defence spending cuts. Since 1989, the Pentagon has reduced employment by more than 400,000 while defencerelated companies have cut nearly as many jobs. By 1996, defence's share of GDP is likely to be below 4 per cent against a peak of 7 per cent during the Reagan years.

Second, the banking system shifted to far more cautious lending policies after 1989 as a result of huge loan losses and tough new standards for capital adequacy. America shifted from easily available high-cost money to severely rationed low-cost money. This new aversion to risk has severely reduced credit access for property developers and small businesses. After creating jobs at the rate of 100,000 per month during the long boom of the 1980s, small business created only 16,000 per month during the first half of 1992 and could no longer compensate for retrenchment and productivity gains in big companies.

Third, supply side shifts resulting from the dollar overvaluation of the 1980s also caused import pen



Maths tested: analysts think President Clinton's tax revenue assumption is too high by \$15-20 billion

expanded at a 10 per cent annual rate despite only 1.7 per cent growth in domestic spending. Finally, the White House was reluctant to pursue a more expansionary fiscal policy because of the rise in government debt during the Reagan years and a desire to protect the 1990 budget accord that had violated Bush's pledge never to raise taxes.

How will Clinton modify US

economic policy to produce a stronger economy with more equitable distribution of the benefits from growth? The Democratic platform proposed extra federal spending of \$220 billion over the next four years on public infrastructure, training and other social programmes. Growth of the budget deficit would be limited through tax rises on high earners and multinational corporations, and larger cuts in defence: The new president will have advan-

tages over President Bush in getting his fiscal programme enacted. He controls both houses of Congress. Tight sectoral spending targets in the 1990 budget accord will be replaced next year by a target for total spending, allowing a shift from defence spending to other sectors without violating the overall expenditure target. The government may also be underspending on defence by up

programme is the tax revenue assumptions. The Democrats claim they will obtain about \$10-11 billion through changes in the tax rules for multinational firms and an additional \$20-22 billion through higher marginal tax rates on the top 2 per cent of taxpayers. Most fiscal analysts believe these estimates are too nigh by about \$15-20 billion.

evertheless, Mr Clinton should be able to pursue a modestly stimulative spending package with-out expanding the federal deficit by more than \$20 billion next year. So long as the US economy is subdued. the markets will be prepared to accept at least a moderate amount of fiscal stimulus. Private credit expansion during the past two years has been the weakest in the post-war period. The slackness in the real economy also suggests inflation should average only 2.5 per cent in 1993.

The Clinton team will, however, have to face medium-term constraints that did not confront the Reagan administration ten years ago. America already has a much larger debt and budget deficit. Net government debt now exceeds 50 per cent of GNP compared with 27 per cent in 1980, while the structural tion to rise sharply when recovery with the 1990 targets. The main cent of GNP. An aggressive fiscal began. Since 1991, imports have problem with the Democrats' fiscal stimulus could boost the structural economy long before any new fiscal

deficit to 5 or 6 per cent of GNP, the highest level since the second world war. Since the US currently has a gross savings rate of only 12.0 per cent compared with 17.0 per cent before the Reagan years, it simply cannot afford to permit the structural federal deficit to expand any further. The sharp recovery in bank profit-ability since 1991 suggests the credit crunch could ease during 1993 and boost growth of money and credit. If it does, there will be less slack to absorb a rise in government

borrowing. The international credit environment during the mid-1990s will also be profoundly different. In the early 1980s, most industrial countries were pursuing restrictive fiscal policies while there was a suspension of bank lending to developing countries.

America emerged as the world economy's borrower and spender of last resort. Today, most European countries have large budget deficits while capital flows to developing countries have grown. A large US deficit could. therefore, translate into higher global interest rates by 1994.

These potential constraints suggest the Clinton team needs to develop a realistic multi-year fiscal strategy to lessen fears about credit pressures during 1994 and 1995. Prolonged drive up bond yields and depress the

stimulus took effect. The Clinton ream must also focus more attention on savings and not let the desire to redistribute income produce tax policies detrimental to the private savings rate. At present, the Democratic platform proposes pushing marginal income tax rates back into the 30 to 40 per cent range for high income people, the group with the highest savings rate. The tax proposals for multi-national firms could also reduce the inflow of foreign savings through direct investment.

As the Democrats are morally committed to reversing at least some of the income shifts to the top 10 per cent of the population, there is probably no way to avoid a rise in marginal income tax rates next year. But the country still needs to pursue a long-term tax reform programme to maximise private savings and invest-ment by shifting from income to consumption taxes.

he Clinton team wants to raise tax allowances for equipment purchases but its primary focus has been expanding public investment, not private investment and savings. There must be an improvement in private savings and investment, not just a change in the mix of public and private investment.

The US was the only leading country that reduced income taxes during the 1980s without developing an alternative revenue base. Countries as diverse as Japan, Britain, and Canada significantly expanded the role of consumption taxes in order to reduce work and savings disincentives.

The Clinton administration will have few opportunities to enhance its control over the Federal Reserve during the next few years. Alan Greenspan's term as chairman does not, for instance, end until 1996. The first opportunity to appoint a new member will occur in February, 1994, when the term of Wayne Angell expires. But there need be no clash with the central bank if the fiscal stimulus is modest against a backdrop of duggish private credit demand.

The support that Mr Clinton received from many business leaders reflects a widespread perception that the nation has to pursue radical policy actions to break the fiscal gridlock. But the markets will not remain optimistic indefinitely unless Mr Clinton proposes a strategy for correcting the nation's structural savings problem early in his term. Mr Clinton is not personally responsible for the nation's fiscal problems. but he is the president who will have to confront them at the start of his term if he wants a benign economic climate to seek re-election in 1996.

David Hale is chief economist of Kemper Financial Services. Anatole Kaletsky's Economic View will appear on Friday, after the Autumn Statement. His regular Economic

FRANKS

Heley's hints

THE man who rescued Brent

Walker is moving up in the world. Richard Heley, head of corporate finance at Hill Samuel has just been appointed the bank's vice-chairman. Heley, 44, was previously best known for his battles with George Walker as he tried to keep the company afloat. He was one of the chief plotters in the Trocadero on the fateful night in May last year when Walker was voted out of the company by the other directors. But Heley is keen to play down his part in that epic struggle. "My most famous battle with him was a year earlier when his £27 million invesiment in a bond issue arrived 14 days late." he says. In March this year. Heley linally completed Brent Walker's restructuring and he is, he says, now working on new projects, including MTM, the chemicals company, and Con-trol Securities, the brewing and property group. He hints that he is also working on two other troubled companies that have not yet made public their problems. Heley, now in his second stint at Hill Samuel. first joined the bank in 1974 but defected to BZW 12 years later. He was wooed back in 1990. His latest promotion puts him on a par with exalted company. The other vicechairman is Murray Stuart, chairman of Scottish Power. while John Sclater, his predecessor, is now chairman.

First among equals

STICKING out among the blue-chip crowd at the CBI conference this week will be Gavin Laird, general secretary



"Sorry, Buddy --

no French fries" of Britain's largest union, the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, the first union to take a stand at a CBI conference. The AEEU says it sees little chance of signing up new members from the CBI it failed to sign up any at the Labour conference or the TUC conference, either - but says its presence is part of the new alliance being forged between the CBI and the unions to put pressure on government. But the alliance clearly has its limits. This autumn, the TUC for the first time invited the CBI director-general to address its conference. By what seems a tactless omission, the CBI has not returned the compliment and has no union leaders among its list of speakers. which includes Michael Heseltine and Sir Leon Brittan. Laird should, nevertheless, feel reasonably at home at Harrogate - the architect of single-union deals now has a clutch of directorships at Scottish TV. GEC Scotland and the Bank of England, a portfo-

lio few CBI members could

Mills and boom REMEMBER the days when

every City dealer had his five minutes of television fame? Someone who does, and looks back with nostalgia, is Adrian Mills, who has just joined Nomura as assistant director on its money markets desk. Mills, then at UBS Phillips & Drew, was in a group of yuppies who staged a boxing match for the City Programme to show how they dealt with 1980s stress. We were all shown punching bags and each other." Mills, now 33, reflects. "It was about stress and how to relieve it. It was another era really." Older, and post-yuppy with two young children, Mills has hung up his gloves and now just works out in the gym. "I used to train with the England boxing team in my youth but you can get hurt. I have child-ren to think of now — and I

can't take the pain any more." Slimline Santa TIRED of the public perception that money brokers have no heart, three heavyweights at Liberty Eurobrokers are vying to play Santa to an under-privileged family. Weighing up to 19 stones, they are competing to lose weight by December 3. The winner gets to wear the white beard and red boots while the losers forks out £200 for presents. With a month to go, it seems Santa has come down to Chris Neal (19st 4lb) or American Joseph Kelly (17st 10lb) with lightweight Steve Dogworth (13st) likely to foot the bill. "He's right out of the race," Kelly says, "I've lost a stone in the last few days. I really want to play Santa."

CAROL LEONARD

First the cash flows, then the water From Mr Kenneth J. Forder

BUSINESS LETTERS

Sir. It has always puzzled me why it is that the water companies are allowed to get away with extracting enormous sums of money from the consumer without anyone uttering a protest. I refer, of course, to their practice of demanding payment from you before you receive the commodity.

If you pay your gas bill or your electricity bill, or get a taxi, you pay for the service after you have received it. The only exception is your tele-phone bill, part of which is rental for the use of equipment. This, understandably, has to be paid in advance.

The amount involved is no trifle. I do not have statistics. but even if one assumes there are, say, five million households paying as little as £100 per year per household, the interest at 10 per cent on cash received in advance by the companies works out at

£100,000 per day. Historically, the advance payment was launched by the Waterworks Clauses Act of 1847, but there were other reasons for it in those days and the provision for payment in advance went unnoticed. Note, too, that in those days

there were no electricity or gas bills for comparison. When electricity and gas bills came into being, consumers were off the mark to make sure that payment was in arrear. The anomaly has been perpetuated until today, when the water companies rely on the provisions of section 76 of the 1989 Water Act to make their own charges schemes.

After receiving no response to these points by the water companies, I turned to Ofwat, who, at the end of a spate of correspondence, tell me they are prepared to do nothing.

No one I have spoken to can counter my case that the water companies should have their legislation reversed (and without compensation) so that this extortion is brought to an end. I know it is easy to reply that bills will be payable in arrear anyway at such time as we get meters, but that is a long way off, and in the meantime the amount of money in the consumer's pocket can be greatly enhanced if what I suggest is acted upon.

Is it not time that someone took up the cudgels? Yours faithfully. KENNETH J. FORDER. Napier Cottage. Napier Avenue, SW6.

Need to plan against 'natural' disasters

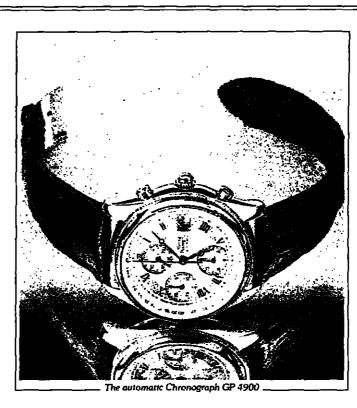
From C.T.K. Toomer Sir, David Coleridge made a fair point in his Mansion House speech when he indicated that insurance can share the burden of risk. Nevertheless, it is not always the case that natural disasters "cannot be prevented".

Such disasters and hazards

are rarely wholly natural. More importantly, they can sometimes be prevented and virtually always ameliorated. As far as businesses and governmental organisations are concerned, many forms of preventative risk "treatment"

are possible. Not only do these involve physical "strengthening" of structures to withstand wind/earthquake etc but also procedural measures such as risk-analysed siting, emergency preparedness and contingency planning. Insurance can still be a useful means of transferring some financial risk but there is still no costeffective substitute for risk identification, analysis, control and treatment. Yours faithfully C.T.K. Toomer.

Sedgwick James, E1.



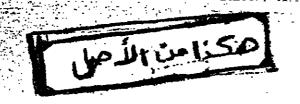
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Clinton win clears way for EBRD soft loans

By Wolfgang Münchau

THE election of Bill Clinton as US president has opened the way for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to push ahead with a programme of soft loans to eastern European economies, which had been opposed by the Bush adminis-

America is the EBRD's biggest sharholder, with 10 per cent, and its most difficult. In the past, it has had frequent and open ideological clashes with Jacques Attali, the EBRD's French president. It is understood that the new US adminstration will be more

In essence, past clashes have tended to focus on whether the bank should be narrow in its brief by supporting the private sector, a position supported by the governments of America and Japan, or whether it should operate in a wider political and economic context, a view taken by the majority of the European shareholders. Britain's position is usually described as "supportive" of the bank and its president

The anti-interventionist attitude of Nicolas Brady, the US Treasury secretary, has, so far, prevented the EBRD from branching into areas of finan-cial assistance, which, at present, do not fall within the bank's remit. The most important of these were plans for soft loans for specific projects, especially restructuring eastern Europe's nuclear power reactors. The argument for such loans is that restructuring eastern Europe's nuclear industry cannot take place on commerical terms, although it plays a vital part in the economic reform process. Mr Brady has stated his opposition to soft loans, arguing the EBRD should concentrate on the private sector.

The row over soft loans between America and the EBRD's presidency and some of the other shareholders came to a head at the bank's first annual conference in Budapest last April. No decision was reached, but the shareholders agreed to set up a committee to investigate the loans further. The committee's report is due soon, and the recommendation is understood to be to endorse soft loans in principle. This would need to be "ratified" by the bank's shareholder nations, at a governors' meeting in London next spring. It is believed the US administration will not oppose the princi-ple of a hands-on approach towards economic reform in eastern Europe, as Mr Clinton campaigned on the same issue regarding the US domestic

However, America's relative distance from east Europe's problems, and expectations that the new adminstration will concentrate scarce resources on America's domestic problems, mean that the new administration is less likely to provide new funds for eastern Europe, if needed. It is recognised that the brunt of the restructuring costs of eastern Europe will have to be carried by western Europe.

☐ Jozef van Brabant, the United Nations' principal economic affairs officer, has proposed a \$5 billion fund to establish a payment union to rescue former Soviet republics from depression and political instability. The proposal came in a paper for the European policy forum. He wrote that a payments union "would provide for an effective clearing of trade, minimising the need for maintaining reserves both for transaction and precautionary purposes, and extending

HOSPITALITY

between seats.

AND COMFORT.

who wish to fly at a higher level.



Expecting a more conciliatory partner: Jacques Attali, president of the EBRD

Critchley profits leap

By MATTHEW BOND

CRITCHLEY Group, which manufactures electrical cable accessories, has reported interim pre-tax profits of £1.28 million for the six months to end-September, 27 per cent up on the first half of the

The figures are revealed in a pathfinder prospectus for the company, based in Cirencester, providing details of a share placing that should see Critchley arrive on the stock market valued at between £25 million-£30 million. The placing is being handled by SG Warburg Securities. Ian McCallum, chief execu-

tive, led a management buy-in to the previously family-con-trolled firm in 1984 in the face of a hostile bid from MK Electric. The pathfinder shows

the reason why...

that pre-tax profits of £1.3 million in 1988 grew to £2.3 million by 1992, while earnings per share increased at an annual compound rate of 17.6 per cent over the same five years. Mr McCallum said: Since the consortium bid in 1984 it has been our intention to establish Critchley as a market leader in electrical cable accessories and to seek a stock market listing. Our business continues to expand, as

current year." The placing price and the size of the placing will be announced in ten days' time. with dealings scheduled to begin on November 26.

demonstrated in the interim

results, which show that sales

and profits are strongly ahead

in the first six months of the

Trinity wins Sri Lanka buses order

TRINITY Holdings, maker of dustcarts, buses and fire-engines, has secured a contract valued at £37 million to supply the government of Sri Lanka with 2.500 bus bodies (Matthew Bond writes).

The contract is the first big export order secured by the company since its arrival on the London stock market last month, which valued Trinity at a figure in excess of £60 million. Finance for the contract has been arranged through the Midland Bank and Bank of Ceylon and includes a £27 million buyer credit supported by the Export Credit Guarantee De-

partment.

Duple (Metsec). Trinity's bus subsidiary, has already received a £10.5 million deposit. iT will supply the bodies in kit form over the next two years, to be assembled locally and mounted on Tata and Isuza chassis. The Sri Lankan government will sell the buses on to private operators.

Nine-month figures from General Accident are expected to reveal losses of between £12 million and £25 million. against a deficit of £128.7 million last time. SG Warburg Group, the

merchant bank, is expected to turn in first-half pre-tax profits fall short of CLL's target.

advance in halfway profits

REPORTING PARCELLE

Electrocomponents, the dis-STRONG traffic growth and lower provisions will help BAA, the airports operator headed by Sir John Egan, to achieve a solid advance in Tim Coombs, at County

NatWest, expects interim pre-tax profits to climb to between £210 million and £220 million, compared with £151 million. Last time's figures were hit by heavy provisions of nearly £55 million for writedowns on property values and staff cuts. Market forecasts range from £210 million to £240 million. A net dividend of between 6.25p to 6.6p (5.75p) is anticipated.

first-half profits.

BAA has already reported that its passenger traffic has grown by 11 per cent to 43.7 million in the six months to the end of September, although last year's figure was depressed by the drop in air traffic after the Gulf crisis and it is not dear how much air travellers have been spending in airports as the recession continues to bite.

Interims: BAA, BMSS, Betterware, East Daggefortein Mines, Hender-son Admin, Prowting, Renold. Floats: Rand Mines, Wardie Storeys. Economic statistics: Credit busi-ness (September).

TOMORROW

Anglian Water continues the privatised water companies reporting season. UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £101 million (£91.9 million). with a dividend of 6.5p (5.75p) predicted. Market forecasts range from \$95 mil-lion to £101 million.

of £74.8 million (£90.5 million), says Martin Hughes at Credit Lyonnais Laing, although the profits figure could Iall Short of CLL Starget.
Interims: Anglian Water, Casket,
De La Rue, Fleming High Inc Inv Tst
(D), General Accident (C3), German
Inv Tst. Hartlepools Water Co,
Marshalls, Merchant Retail Group,
Mercury Asset Mgt, Norcros, Oxford
Instruments, VSEL Consortium,
Warburg (SG) Group.
Finals: Dickie (James), Tiger Cats.
Economic statistics: Producer
orice index numbers (October).

WEDNESDAY

BAA should land a solid

tributor of electronic, mechanical and electrical components should report first-half taxable profits ahead 23 per cent to £25 million, according to Hoare Govett. The advance will be helped by the elimination of losses from the Misco computer supplies catalogue business.

husiness. Alied Irish Banks, Amersham Irish Group, Chamberlin & Hill, Cook (Wm) Hidgs, Drayton English & Irish Tst, Durhill Hidgs, Electrocomponents. Hambros, King & Shabson Hidgs, Parkland Textile (Hidgs), Regalism Props, RTI Capital Partners, Smith St. Aubyrt Hidgs (D), St. James's Place Capital, South African Brevenes, Upton & Southern Hidgs, Wardell Roberts. Finals: Bett Bros, Bibby (J) & Sons, Jessups, Scottish Value Tst, VTR.

A strong performance from the Boots The Chemists retail chain should help Boots, the pharmaceutical and retailing group headed by Sir James Blyth, chief executive, to a healthy advance in profits.

Nick Bubb at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, is looking for interim pre-tax profits of £185 million ex-property (£164.5 million). Market forecasts range from £178 million to £190 million. A dividend of 4.7p (4.3p) is



Blyth: good medicine

anticipated. Mr Bubb expects pharmaceutical profits to slip to £61 million (£67 million). largely due to increased research and development spend on the Manoplax heart. drug. Analysts will be looking for any news of progress on getting United States Food and Drug Administration approval for Manoplax, and reassurance on the likely im-pact from presidem-elect Bill Climon's proposed healthcare

Do It All, the DIY joint venture operation with WH Smith, is predicted to stide to a £2 million loss £4 million profit), although Halfords, the car accessory chain, should break even (£7 million).

Redundancy costs are expected to take their toll on first half profits at BT Patrick Wellington at County Nat-West expects BT to ring up second quarter pre-tax profits to £425 million (£785 million). giving £1.02 billion £1.61 billion) for the half year. County has included about £300 million of redundancy costs in its second quarter forecast.

A large non-sterling cash pile and a wide geographical asset spread should help Royal Data/Shell Group post solid gains in third quarter net income. UBS Phillips & Drew predicts historic cost net income of £590 million (£569 million). Replacement cost net income forecasts range from

£575 million to £685 million, against £523 million last time. Julie Ramshaw at Morgan Stanley expects Berton Group to report a slide in final pre-tax profits to £5 million (£11.2 million). The dividend may be cut to 2p (2.7p), although some think it will be mainsome think it will be maintained. Market forecasts range from £4 million to £10 million. Interfere: Boots, Christie Group, FiG, Northumbran Water Co, Porsmouth & Sunderland. Resmore, Royal Dutch Petroleum (C3). Royal neurance Hidge (C3), Shet Transport & Trading (C3), Staveley Inds, Thomson Corp (C3). Waddengton (Lohn).

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GILT-EDGED

Longer issues look expensive

Thancellor Lamont admits to the financial markets being among the several influences on future economic policy. It therefore seems appropriate to see what the fixed-interest markets are now saying about the future of the economy. ☐ Base Rates. First, the money markets imply 7 per cent base rates before Christ-

mas, with a further fall to 6 per cent by March next year. In fact, the shorter end of the gilt yield curve has already factored in base rates down to 6.5 per cent, and will not have far to go to sit comfortably with 6 per cent rates. Nevertheless, there is an upward slope to the gilt yield curve from late 1993, hinting at base rates beginning to move up again in a year or two.

This circumspection for long term base rates seems sensible, despite the short term outlook. Present interest rate cuts are largely politically-driven. With the recession topping the political agenda

there is little doubt interest authorities are determined to rates will continue falling, at least into next spring. The Chancellor should be able to justify such cuts by "success" in achieving the 1-4 per cent inflation target excluding mortgages and very sluggish

monetary aggregates growth. There is even a risk that, in the short term, interest rate cuts are more savage than the market currently expects. The private sector is proving stubbornly debt-averse, so recovery in the domestic economy will still be very slow.

But at some stage interest rate cuts will need to rise again. The depreciation in the pound represents a significant monetary easing and will ultimately prove inflationary. Underlying inflation is likely to move back towards 5 per cent in 1994/95. If he were to maintain credibility on infla-tion-fighting, the Chancellor would have no alternative but to raise interest rates, to prevent even higher inflation becoming established. If the

pre-empt the long-term inflation problem, the first base rate rise ought to occur towards the end of next year. ☐ implied Inflation. The comparison between index-linked real yields and convent-

ional nominal yields supplies us with the gilt market's outlook on inflation. For longs, this difference is currently about 5.1 per cent. Although the "implied" in-

flation from the market yield comparisons is close to a procted long-term underlying inflation rate of 5 per cent, this leaves conventional longs looking expensive against in-dex-linked. This is because when investing in index-linked real yields are virtually known: in contrast, there is a risk associated with conventional nominal yields — future inflation may eat into the real yield. A premium should be added to yields of conventional gilts to account for this risk; the current lack of inflationary pressures prevents the

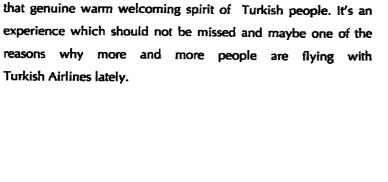
risk premium from being too big, but surely 10 basis points underestimates the risks, given the government's "growth" policies and sterling's divorce from the ERM.

Are we to say, then, that real yields of 3.7 per cent are cheap for index-linked, or that 8.8 per cent yields are expensive for long conventional gilts? This brings us to the third economic pointer, yield spreads of gilts over other European bonds, where comparisons at 10-year maturities can be made.

☐ International Spreads. The market thinks that for the overseas investor to put money in gilts now, spreads over German bunds and French OATS need be no more than 90 basis points and 20 basis points respectively. But the gilt market does not compare as well as this on economic fundamentals. Both the Bundesbank and the Bank of France are proven inproportion of GDP, the UK is likely to have the biggest bud-get deficit. Moreover, after terling's departure from the ERM, there is now exchange rate risk for internationa investors to contend with.

'e conclude longe conventional gilts look expensiv rise in these stocks' yields would more properly value them against both overseas bonds and index-linked, and would also acknowledge the enormous amount of gilt funding needed in the future. Perhaps the problem is that investors have not yet fully adjusted to the possible steep ness of the yield curve; a glance back to times when short yields were comparatively low (for example, late 1977) shows the curve has been, on occasions, far steeper than at present. Although such extremes will not be reached this time, there is still scope for a further steepening

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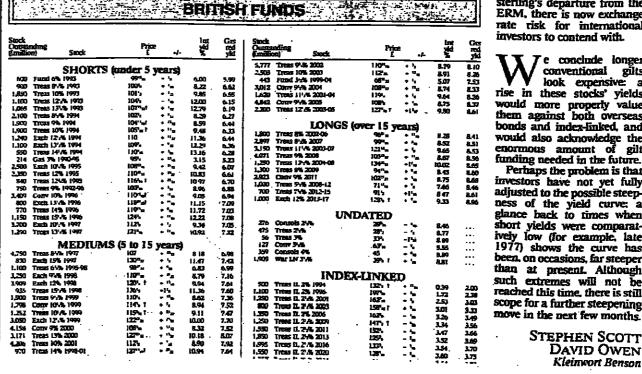
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Affairs presented by Gloria Hurniford and Caron Keating. A look at the responsibilities and legal rights of teeragers, and different approaches to drug and solvent abuse (4625)

3.30 Cartoons. A Barney Bear double bill (4959731) 3.45 PC Pinkerton. Animation (r) (1861-199) 3.55 Wildburnch. Children from a Maidenhead school investigate penguins, budgarigars, barn owls and a harris hawk (r) (s) (1850083) 4.05 Tea with Grandma. Last in the puppet series (s) (9434557) 4.15 Gordon T. Gopher (r) (9423441) 4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (9414793) 4.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates. (Ceefax) (s) (8367480)

4.55 Newsround (8157460) 5.05 Blue Peter. A special devoted to the five countries that comprise Scandinavia. (Ceefax) (s) (8243373)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (443354). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (267). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (6606)
7.30 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood reports on why some insurance

companies are refusing to pay burglary victims; Alice Beer meets a woman whose house and sleep are being rocked by juggements;

and Simon Walton warns builders and plumbers not to pay out for advertising that does not yield results. (Caefax) (151)

Warring couple: Gorden Kaye and Carmen Silvera (8.00pm)

starring Gorden Kaye and Carroen Silvera. (Ceefax) (s) (5354) 8.30 Get Back. Comedy series about the effects of the recession on a

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

9.30 Panorama: In the Name of Setan? Mertin Bashir examines

reports of satanic ritual abuse. Are they myth or reality? (295064)
10.10 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are Sneakers, starring Robert Redford and Sichey Politier, and Kenneth Branagh's Pater's Friends (s) (484880). Northern treland: 29 Live;

10.40 Come Dancing. London South meet Liverpool at the Bournemouth International Centre (s) (891557). Northern Ireland: 10.45 The Year

11.15 Unexpected Healing. The story of a miracle cure thought to have

11.55 Advice Shop Special. Helen Madden with news of a radical

been brought about through prayer (478880). Northern Ireland: 11.25 Film 92; Wales: Film 92 11.45 Unexpected Healing

approach to drug addiction that offers support to both the addicts and their families (971354). Northern Ireland: Come Dancing 12.25am Weather (2813010). Wales: Advice Shop Special 12.55 News and weather: Northern Ireland: 12.30-1.00 Advice Shop Special

once-wealthy family man forced to live with his father in a council-

owned tower-block flat. Starring Ray Winstone, Carol Harrison and Larry Lamb. (Ceefax) (4489)

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r.00 Ceefax (18575) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (98398083)

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(41354) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (69199)

9.30 Schools (160063)
12.00 Right To Repty. The BBC's soap Eldorado comes under scrutiny

Snuggles Young people's entertainment (r) (90557)

 CHOICE: The production team which came up with the excellent Volvo City about London's Hasidic Jews for Cutting Edge, has now turned the carneras on the Militant Tendency in Liverpool. Although one of the interviewees, Mick Datey, makes it clear that he expects the programme to stitch them up, Comrades is not in fact out to make judgments, instead it allows the Militants to speak out freely about their grievances and about the beautiful life we will lead after the revolution. Daley's mother finds it touching that her son (and also her daughter, a Jehovah's Witness), should have such innocence. Others are less amused; Labour voter Frank Dunne has become a Militant-catcher, taking secret photographs with which to denounce the party's "imposters" (4016)

10.00 A Bit of a Do. At the christening of Liz's baby her husband Neville looks very proud — until the real father makes an appearance. Starring David Jason, Nicola Pagett, Michael Jayston and Gwen

 CHOICE: This impressive series turns its attention to race relations in the Americas, looking first at the plight of the Indians. Paz. In the process however, they have had to put aside part of their own Aymara culture and accept that they will always face prejudice.

American Cinema season continues with this powerful drama from the Dominican Republic about poverty and corruption as seen through the eyes of a group of Puerto Rican illegal immigrants hoping to reach prosperity in the United States. English subtitites. Directed by Agiliberto Melendez (413213). Ends at 1.40am

BBC2

8.00 Braskfast News (4750625) 8.15 Westminster (4740248) 8.30 Collecting New. John FitzMaurice Mills looks at techniques used by artists through the ages (r) (1055170) 8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Archive Pathé newsclips from this week in 1952 (2101915)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (7 section) follow prayonys, nor the very young (s) (5299557)

10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weakday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes a medical phone-in and holiday bargains in Cyprus (s). With News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (42747248). 9.00 The Travel Show UK Mini Guides. What the Benvick-on-Tweed area has to offer the visitor (r) (8797441)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime (1) (52014793) 2.15
Regional Parliamentary Programmes (206151). Nonthern Ireland: The Victorian Kitchen Garden 2.45 Northern Lights. A 12.15 Peoble Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests is the veteran actor 12.15 Pebble Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests is the veteran actor Herbert Lorn, soon to be seen in the film Son of Pink Panther (s) (9439557) 12.55 Regional News and weather (78569286) 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefex) Weather (51731) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42767248) 1.50 Going For Gold. General knowledge quiz competition with European contastants. The question-master is Henry Kelly (s) (42761064) 2.15 Paradise. Western adventure series. (3280625) 3.00 Family Affairs presented by Gloria Humitford and Caron Keating. A look at the reconneighbours and level nights of teersaners, and different profile of amateur photographer Jack Hulme who has been capturing on carners the Yorkshire village of Fryston, near Castleford, for the past six decades (r) (6544712) 2.50 A Week To

Remember. See 8.50am (2367927) 3.00 News and weather (9553538) followed by Songs of Praise from Caerphilly (f). (Ceetard (s) (7022441) 3.45 Holiday Outlings. Holidays in Florida for the over-60s (r) (1878489) 3.50 News. regional news and weather (1859354)

4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths, presented by Paul Cola (880)
4.30 Behind the Headines. The first of a new series of the topical daily talk show. This afternoon Jane Corbin asks Sir John Harvey-Jones and Lord Parkinson if businesspeople or industrialists could run the

country better then politicians (444)

5.00 Australian Grand Prb. Highlights from Adelaide (r) (7712) 5.30

Royal Gardens presented by Sir Roy Strong (r). (Ceefax) (644)

6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Classic cornecty series. (Ceefax)

(845441) 6.25 DEF II begins with The Frash Prince of Bel Air. American cornedy (940460) 6.50 Dance Energy House Party (s) (457151) Shakespears: the Animated Tales — A Midsummer

 CHOICE: Conceived and produced in Wates, animated in Russia O'HOICE: Conceived and produced in Wales, animated in Russia and financed by England, Japan and the USA, this multi-national project kicks off with a weird but watchable animated version of A Micsummer Night's Dream. In common with the other five plays in the series, the Dream is crammed into just 30 minutes, but atthough the pace is disconcerting, the story becomes clearer through compression and certain key speeches remain. Actors including Daniel Massey, Suzanne Bertish and Bernard Hill give fine voice performances and Armenian animator Robert Saaldantz's lack of sentimentality should appeal to handened teenagers. The sentimentality should appeal to hardened teenagers. The characterisations are certainly memorable, Puck is camp and Oberon and Titania are positively satanic looking (s). (793)

8.00 Doctors To Be: The Real World, Students of St Mary's who survived the exams find themselves faced with real patients for the

first time on the hospital wards. (Ceefax) (988267)

Wine merchant Jancis Robinson with Lady Bute (8.50pm)

8.50 Vintners' Tales. Jancis Robinson profiles the wine company owned and run by the Marchioness of Bute. (Ceefax) (866809) 9.00 Film: Breaking Point (1989) starring Corbin Bernsen and Joanne Pacula. Second world war thriller about an American officer who is captured by the German's 73 hours before D-Day. Realising that they will not break him, they drug him into believing that the war is over. Directed by Peter Markle. (Ceefax) (s) (3354)

10.30 Newsnight presented by Sue Cameron (512538)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (476422)

11.55 Behind the Headlines. A repeat of the programme shown at 4.30 (979996) 12.25am Weather (9785403)

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kaller returns to stalk Jamie Lee Curits. SCREENSPORT (62921). Ends at 11.30 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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 7.15am A Place of Weeping (1986): A black woman lights for change (556847)
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 10.25 Davy Crockett, Indian Scout (1950): Wild-west advances sony (8180828)
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News and sport on the hour until 7.90pm6.00em World Service: World News, 6.09
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5.10 Blockbusters. Teénagers' general knowledge quiz (8237712) 5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (705731) 5.55 Thames Help (r) (588644) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (593) 5.30 Thames News (335) 7.00 The Krypton Factor. Another round of the brain and brawn competition. With Gordon Burns. (Oracle) (s) (4002) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (847) 8.00 Strike It Lucky. Game show hosted by the manic Michael

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9.25 Keynotes. Music game hosted by Akstair Divall (4210538) 9.55 Thames News (5275977)

10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion programme

10.35 This Morning. Magazine senes presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (90660847) 12.10 Roste and Jim. Children's puppet senes (r) (2474335) 12.30 Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (3252286) 1.05 Thames

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Oracle) (219625)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series (s) (218996)

2.15 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley features Help the Aged Golden

3.10 ITN News headlines (9564644) 3.15 Thames News headlines

3.50 Wowser. Animation (r) (1846880) 4.00 The Sooty Show presented by Matthew Corbett (s) (3715248) 4.25 Beetlejuice.

Award winners (200977) 2.45 Familles. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s) (6228444)

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(Oracle) (4706422) 4.50 How 2. Last in the fun and facts series

presented by Fred Dinehage, Carol Vorderman and Gareth Jones

6.00 TV-am (1797624)

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Barrymore. (Oracle) (s) (2462)

8.30 World in Action: Reasons for Panic, An investigation into the hidden agenda of Millen Panic, Yugoslavia's reformst prime minister, who left the country after the second world war and made his fortune in the American pharmaceutical industry (9557)



[sacher's pet: Andrew Nicholson as young Henry (9.00pm)

9.00 The Life and Times of Henry Pratt.

■ CHOICE: From the creator of The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin, David Nobbs, comes this four-part comedy drama about a boy's journey through the class system. The story begins in a small town in Yorkshire in 1935 with the young Henry surrounded by colourful relatives, including Cousin Hilda "the sniffer" (Dinah Slabb) and wealthy Uncle Teddy and his wife Dons (Alun Armstrong and Maggie O'Neill), two people who rival each other in tactlessness. When war breaks out, Henry is evacuated to the country, where he callously forgets to feel homesick and becomes the pet of his formidable teacher (Julie T. Wallace in great form). His mother meanwhile gets depressed about her body and, fortunately perhaps in the circumstances, meets an untimely end. It's gentle, entending stuff if, so far, not wildly original. With Andrew Nicholson. (Oracle) (2354) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (42422) 10.30 Thames News

19.40 Film: Hostage Flight (1985) starring Ned Beatty. Drama about a group of terrorists who take over an American alriiner on a domestic flight but are unprepared for the reaction of the passengers. Directed by Steven Hilliard Stern (52045847)

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1.30 Sport AM. Highlights from the world cup of golf in Spain (49229)

2.30 Film: Man in the Trunk (1973) starting Mirellle Darc and Michael Constantin. Comedy thriller about an Israeli agent who is smuggled out of the French embassy in Libya. Plans to fly him to safety are thwarted by a strike. Directed by Georges Lautiner (68300)

4.30 Muste Special, Diray Gillegnie in concert (47,79958)

4.30 Music Special. Dizzy Gillespie in concert (r) (79958) 5.30 ITN Morning News (39855). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Cartoons (69335)

7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin

(r). (Teletext) (s) (49335) Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (88977) 1.30 Dr

2.00 Film: The Bottom of the Bottle (1966) starting Van Johnson, Joseph Cotten and Ruth Roman. Psychological drama, based on a

Georges Simenon novel, about an escaped prisoner who puts the squeeze on his wealthy and respected lawyer brother to help him cross the Mexican border. Directed by Henry Hathaway (710489) 3.35 Skytraders. Vintage documentary about the British Air Services (r)

123450000 4.00 Spirit of Trees. Series on Britain's trees (r). (Teletext) (248) 4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (460)

5.00 Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (1915) 6.00 Streetwise. Drama series about a team of London bicycle couriers

(r). (Teletext) (625)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy senes about growing up in

the 1960s (r) (977) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (647847) 7.50 Comment (823809)

8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (8064) 8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a South London barber's. Starring Norman Beaton. (Teletent) (s) (7199)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Comrades.



Taylor (r). (Teletext) (3083) 11.00 The "Other" Americas: Sins of Our Fathers.

The Marriani tamily, for example, are lucky enough to have found material success working alongside whites in the Bolivian city of La The second half contrasts the Indian dilemma with that of the blacks, descendants of African slaves. A look at the Dominican Republic shows just how complicated things can get. Ever since the black Haitians thed to invade in 1822, blacks have been hated by Dominicans. The irony is that the Mulattos, as they like to be known, are themselves of mixed race. "We haven't been able to look at ourselves in the mirror", admits one (s) (61118)

12.00 Film: One Way Ticket (1988) starring Angel Muniz. The Latin

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7.20 The Food Programme: Dere Cooper examines who exerts influence on children and their eating habits (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Of Mice and Men

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

UK must rush to catch rivals says CBI plan

AND ROSS TIEMAN

LEADERS of the Confederation of British Industry yesterday set new perfor-mance targets for UK manufacturing companies in a radical attempt to narrow the gap between Britain and its main industrial competitors.

On the eve of its annual conference in Harrogate, the CBI called for Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to adopt a series of specific measures in this week's Auturnn Statement, including a further two-point cut in interest rates. At the same time, it laid out a new long-term strategy for British industry aimed at sharply improving competitiveness, which was at once criticised as disappointing by one trade union leader.

The CBI's proposals — the result of a long study by its National Manufacturing Council – identify a performance gap of 20-40 per cent between the UK and its main competitors which it says has been "made all the worse by the prolonged recession, not to

MICHAEL Howard, environ-

ment secretary, last night gave

out five awards in Harrogate

to businesses to mark their

care for the environment. Today he will give a speech in which he will address the

CBI's call last week for wide-

ranging changes in land plan-

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The task force under Ian

Prosser, head of Bass, the

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A provocative plan to make British manufacturing industry more competitive calls for a partnership between industry, government and the financial community

ed by the turbulence in European financial markets and the management of UK eco-nomic policy throughout the autumn of 1992."

The report, called Making it in Britain, said that these circumstances put at risk some of Britain's economic achievements of the 1980s and threatened a further erosion of the manufacturing base.

CBI leaders are looking to government, business and the financial community to take part in a "partnership for prosperity" to regenerate industrial competitiveness. Mark Raddiffe, CBI deputy director-general, said the report's findings were "about unleashing the confidence and ability of the country to win in world markets" and provide a good life for everyone in Britain.

In its analysis, the CBI found Britain was no better

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Howard to focus on

industrial planning

By DEREK HARRIS

than 13th out of 22 countries in a world league of competitiveness, but most of the failings were at corporate rather than governmental level. Britain ranked above average for the general conduct of the government towards competitiveness, for participation in international trade and investment and in the performance of the finance sector.

Britain scored poorly on the strength of its domestic economy, science and technology, management quality, infrastructure and use of employees and their skills. The CBI said productivity needed to grow by 5 per cent annually, a higher rate than that achieved throughout the 1980s; investment in plant, machinery and training should be doubled: and a further I per cent of world trade needed to be won by UK business.

While it said that the best of While it said that the best of British companies was well up to world standards, with 43 UK companies in the Fortune 500 — more than in France or Germany — the CBI said there were not enough world-class manufacturers. Mr Radcliffe said the task identified by the report, which has been the report, which has been drawn up by in co-operation with leaders of companies such as British Steel, BAT. GKN, BICC, Pilkington, IBM. Allied Lyons and Sony. was urgent: "If we fail, we run the risk of becoming an im-poverished offshore island, with high inflation and low

living standards." The report said the importance of manufacturing had been underestimated for a decade, and the CBI said it was intended to attack the "heresy" of the importance of service sector over manufacturing.

But Gavin Laird, general secretary of the AEEU engineering union, said in Harrogate that while he supported the targets identified in the report, they did not go far



Racing start: Howard Davies, director-general of the CBL tries an Olympic superbike at Harrogate vesterday

British Steel wants sanctions against rise in cheap east European imports

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

MICHAEL Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, is examining a formal request from British Steel for trade sanctions to block "surges in unfair imports" of steel from eastern Europe into Britain.

Britain and The Netherlands, thought of as upholders of free trade in Europe, are at the forefront of EC moves to limit eastern European steel exports into the EC, which have almost doubled their market share over the past year to around 5 per cent.

Moves to put export quotas on eastern European steel exports would come as a devastating blow to east Europe's fledgling democracies and struggling economies.

Steel is one of the few sectors that have virtually unlimited access to the EC market. Agriculture, textiles and steel are considered to be the three kev industries where eastern Europe could enjoy a comparative advantage over its westem European competitors. However, EC manufacturers accuse eastern European steel

makers of dumping. In Britain, some east European makers offer steel at a discount of between 18 per cent and 25 per cent against prices offered by British Steel.

In one segment of the market — for cold reduced steel used in the manufacture of domestic appliances --Czechoslovak steel makers have this year built up a market share of 10 per cent within three months. This is the case that the DTI is

Last month, Europe's leading steel makers wrote to the EC Commission, proposing a restructuring plan that entails up to 50,000 job losses, savage production cuts and the introduction of quotas. Industry sources maintain that the quomillion tonnes, equivalent to 3

This is also equivalent to the prevailing east European steel exports in 1991. The discussion about quotas reflects concerns over the severity of

recession in the industry, reminiscent of the first steel crisis of the 1970s, when the industry was restructured under the Davignon plan. Industry sources maintain that a son-of-Davignon plan is now

Officials at the DTI agree with British Steel claims that the imports represent unfair competition. Mr Heseltine is expected to seek EC approval to ban them from the British

Such a block would be the first public confirmation that Mr Heseltine has honoured his pledge to the Conservative party conference two months ago that "when industry argues a good case we will support them in Whitehall, in Brusseis: anywhere, everywhere where it is proper to do

A trade department spokesman said British Steel made presentations to DTI officials

two weeks ago. "British Steel have formally asked the United Kingdom government to take regional fied Czech steel products." he said. "Since then officials have been in frequent touch with To block the imports. Mr

saleguard action against speci-

Heseltine would need majority support from the European Community Council France, Germany and Italy have at ready won the council's approval to block Czech imports, the DTI said.

If the president agrees that Czech steel is being dumped. and takes action, he will come under growing pressure to intervene to halt coal imports from Poland and the Commonwealth of Independent

AEEU says single-union deals now under threat

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the engineering and electrical trade union. which has the largest number Japanese and other companies in Brazin, said yesterday that their agreements are now under direct threat from the government's latest piece of employment legislation.

The government's new employment bill, published last week by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, who will address the CBI conference today, outlaws the TUC's provisions governing inter-union relations — the so-called Bridlington principles. Ministers believe employees should be free to join or not

join any union of their choice.

But the Assaigamated Engineering and Electrical
Union said this provision
could lead to a sharp rise in inter-union competition, threat-ening the ability of companies to reach single-union

Most new companies, if unionised at all, prefer to recognise only one union now for collective bargaining. The AEEU has a large number of single-union deals, including agreements with such prominent inward investment companies as Sony, Hitachi, Nissan, Toyota and Sanyo, Gavan Laint, AEEU general

cavan Laint, AFEU general secretary, said: "Single-union deals are now down she plughole because of the bill." Speaking at the CBI conference where the union has an exhibition and the first time a findle maion has made such a mine at the annual conference of the employers body.— Mr Laint said not just be the conference of the employers. body -- Mr Laird said not just future deals, but current agreemeans with companies such as Vissin inight be under threat from other unions moving in to recruit. He said unions in Britain had been changing the culture" of industrial rela tions, but now the government

GPA denies failure of bank talks

By MATTHEW BOND

GPA, the Irish aircraft leasing group, insisted yesterday that talks with its bankers would continue, despite reports over the weekend that efforts to restructure \$3.5 billion of debt were close to collapse.

A spokesman for the company in Dublin said the talks were continuing on lines recently suggested by Tony Ryan, the company's chairman and founder. Mr Ryan's most recent comments came at the end of last month, the spokesman said.

On October 30, the chairman stated that we were involved in a complex matrix

THE merger between the Bank of Edinburgh and the Heart of England Building Society appears to be in trouble. The deal, the first

takeover of a building society

by a bank, needs to be approved by the Building Societies Commission, but be-

fore the commission will con-

sider it in detail, the Bank of

England must indicate that

the merged bank and society

will be authorised, which it

has not done yet.

A friendly action in the High Court between the com-

mission and the Bank of

Edinburgh was expected to take place in October, but the

Norman Digance, secretary to the commission, said that

before a date could be set:

"We would want to be satis-fied that the Bank of England

was going to authorise the new entity." The Bank would

not comment on the case but

been set vet.

nission said no date had

of interdependent negotia-

tions. These negotiations will continue and are not expected to be concluded before the first quarter of next year." The talks continued over the weekend, with one banker close to the negotiations describing them as at "a serious stage".

GPA has been struggling to stabilise its massive debts since June when poor demand from institutions forced the company to abandon plans for a \$850 million share issue. At the time institutions were invited to subscribe for shares at the equivalent of \$20-25 a

share. Some shares have since

Bank's attempt to take over

building society hits a snag

Travis: payout possible

said that where two banks or

a bank and another organis-

ation merged, the new com-pany would need a licence. Mike Travis, chief executive

of the Heart of England, said:

"It was never going to be a

The High court action

would agree terms to be

offered to the 200,000 savers

and 30,000 borrowers to per-

suade them to vote on wheth-

rubber stamping."

been offered privately at around \$6. Further setbacks have seen the company abandon plans to issue a \$750 million package of securitised aircraft leases and a \$350 million issue of convertible preference shares, and defer a \$5 billion aircraft order from

Boeing Reacting to reports that Dublin stockbrokers on Friday had advised GPA shareholders to sell shares at any price the spokeman said: The fact is that there has been no trading in GPA stock since the withdrawal of the interna-

er the takeover should go ahead. Mr Travis said the society was looking at paying a benefit to borrowers and

If the Heart of England

goes ahead, the commission would still have the final say

on a takeover. The commis

sion has to satisfy itself that

the interests of savers and

borrowers would not be

set up two years ago with £26 million in capital from UK and European institutions with the aim of taking over

building societies.

The 50-branch Heart of England was the first to

announce, in early Septem-

ber, that it was in advanced

talks with the new bank, but

said then it did not expect to

be able to announce full

details for at least three months. If the Bank of Edin-

burgh deal does not go ahead,

the industry expects Heart of

England, the 25th-largest so-

ciety, to merge with another

The Bank of Edinburgh was

disadvantaged.

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> WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Fischer - Spassky, Sveti Stefan (Game 9) 1992.

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Revenues (7) 18 Very hot red sauce (7)

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